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Shas, NRP threaten to quit coalition

SARAH HONIG

SHAS last night escalated its battle. with the National Religious Party by threatening to quit the coalition if it is not given the Religious Affairs portfolio by tomorrow. The NRP responded with an identical threat.

This underscores the fact that Bînyamin Minister. Netanyahu continues to be beset by two coalition problems. - the Religious Affairs portfolio and the national infrastructure ministry he

wants to create for Ariel Sharon. Netanyahu would like to see both problems resolved before be leaves on July 9 for his Washington meeting with President Bill Clinton.

Religious Affairs, though a minor portfolio, is of major significance as a source of clout in the religious community. Aftern releasings top of war, the NRP and Shas finally agreed to joint custody, but now each wants to go first, feating the other might renege on the rotation deal.

Netanyahu had already decided in favor of Shas, but vehement protests: from the NRP caused him to delay the final decision until his return from Washington. This reportedly elicited a furious response from Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who had scheduled a session of the party's Council of Torah Sages for

today. This is seen as an ultimatum: Shas wants the promise it had won implemented at once. As it sees it, NRP pressure is the only reason for the delay. But Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said yesterday that the NRP had consulted with the leading religious-Zionist rabbis and had decided to "take this issue to the

One Likud source described Netanyahu as being trapped between the devil and the deep blue sea, and all for a portfolio which is the last one one would figure on as a source of contention."

To make matters worse, the Degel Hatorah faction of United Torah Judaism is under orders from its mentor Rabbi Eliezer Schach to demand the portfolio as well.

Meanwhile, Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman has made no headway in getting ministers to yield any of their departments to the new ministry to be created for Sharon. Ne'eman had been entrusted by Netanyahu with putting the new ministry together and froming out the legai kinks.

A meeting between Netanyahu and the two NRP ministers, Hammer and Transportation and Energy Minister Yitzhak Levy, failed to convince Levy to yield anything from either of his portfolios.

Some reports claim that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is also refusing to make a sacrifice for Sharon. It had been assumed that he would cede control of the military industries without too great a fuss, but now, sources say, he has let Ne'eman know that this is not his miention.

At this point, no one in the Likud can predict when Sharon might join the government and in what capacity. The simmering problem is a potential source of trouble for Netanyahu, as Sharon can mount a powerful internal opposition to

In a related development, Shas leader Arych Deri categorically denied that he is contemplating retiring from politics or that he had asked Yosef to allow him to resign as an MK. Recent rumors claim that Deri told Yosef some 10 days ago that he wants to quit politics.





Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu meets Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz at the PM's office in Jerusalem yesterday. (Ariel Ierozolimski)

PM, Peretz discuss privatization

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said he will consider Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz's proposal to set up a social-economic council - to include government and Histadrut representatives and to be headed by the prime minister - to coordinate the government's eco-

This was agreed to at a meeting heldbetween Peretz and Netanyahu yesterday afternoon, at the prime minister's initiative, to discuss the government's economic pro-

Peretz said the meeting, which lasted for more than half an hour, was held in a positive atmosphere, although both sides stuck to their positions. Netanyahu promised to hold another

meeting with Peretz and Finance Minister Dan. Meridor after the government completes its debate on proposed economic cuts. Peretz asked Netanyahu to make the

Histadrut a partner to the government's economic plans for privatization, budgetary cuts and other moves affecting the workers' future and conditions.

"I expressed my concern that economic measures might be taken in a unilateral and sweeping manner, endangering the lowerincome earners and creating unemployment,"

Peretz said after the meeting. "I demanded that the government make an unequivocal announcement that it would recognize and honor signed wage-, pension and cost-of-living increment-agreements."

He added that the prime minister responded "in a positive manner and said he would see to it that the weaker classes are protected at every

The two men agreed to hold regular meetings to present their demands and to maintain open channels of communications. Histadrut leaders hope the meeting will lead to cooperation between the government and the labor

Netanyahu may visit Jordan before US

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is considering visiting Jordan before he goes to the US next week, but is concerned that such a visit would be seen as a snub by Egypt, senior officials in Jerusalem indicated.

Netanyahu has an affinity for Jordan, and by making Amman his first visit as prime minister, he would underscore this. Netanyahu is believed to see eye to eye with King Hussein oo the need to constrain Palestinian ambitions for statehood. They also share concern about terror groups harbored in Syria. During the recent Arab

summit, King Hussein com-plained about Syria permitting

Mubarak warns of impending terror attacks **ELDAD BECK**

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak has warned of a new wave of terror attacks in response to the election of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. He also expressed hope that this would not lead Israel to stop the

eace process. Mubarak, on a private visit to France, made the comments while meeting yesterday in Paris with Henry Hajdenberg, chair-man of the French Jewish com-

Hajdenberg told The Jerusalem Post that Mubarak insisted that Israel respect all its agreements relating to the peace process, and "keep the process alive at all costs, despite the obstacles that might appear." Mubarak added that the "three (Continued on Page 2)

infiltrations across its border into While in opposition, Netariyahn held at least eight meetings with

either Hussein or Crown Prince Hassan. At the same time, Egypt remains the leading country in the Arab world. In 1992, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin visited Cairo

before making his first trip to Washington as a symbolic gesture of cooperation.

Piqued by the bard-line stance taken by Cairo at the Arab summit, Netanyahu is not thought to be keen on visiting Egypt right now, but he does want to keep his options open in dealing with

Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai said that wbenever Netanyahu would like to come, we will welcome him. It is only a matter of scheduling. If he comes in the next few days, it's fine. If he does not come until after be goes to Washington, this is also fine."

He sharply denied a report that Jordan is seeking to publicly dis-tance Itself from Israel in fear that. it may be isolated among the Arabs. "Amman has a solid and

open relationship with Israel," he declared. "We feel no reason to be embarrassed about this. There is no iosecurity in the relationship."

Meanwhile, while the centerpiece of Netanyahu's trip to the US will be a White House meeting with President Bill Clintoo on Tuesday. The visit will also include a meeting with Republican presidential nominee Robert Dole in New York on Friday.

Next Tuesday, Netanyahu is tentatively scheduled to see Clinton, Secretary of State Warreo Christopher, Defense Secretary

William Perry, and CIA chief (Continued on Page 2)

Funding may be cut for successful road accident study project

ROAD accidents can be reduced by increasing traffic police enforcement, according to a study carried out by Hebrew University experts. However, the study project is in danger of being canceled for a budgetary reasons.

The project was carried out in the Netanya area and headed by Prof. Jerry Ben-David and Zvi Weinberg of the lerusalem College of Technology, and Dr. Eliahu Richter of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health, in coordination with Metuna, an organiza-

tion combating road accidents. The study tested the use of cameras recording speed, in conjunction with fines and warnings to drivers, and found that this significantly reduced drivers' speed. More important, there was a 45 percent drop in the number of those injured and killed in road accidents in the HAIM SHAPIRO

area within four months. According to the study, every month showed greater improvement over the same month the pre-

"By continuing this procedure for an entire year, we estimate that we could prevent more than 240 people from being killed or injured in the Netanya area," Richter said.

The findings, the researchers said, were similar to those achieved in England and Australia, where there were decreases in road deaths of 30%-50% during the past five years. In comparison, Richter noted. Israel's traffic victims increased from 429 to 550 a year over the past five years.

Meanwhile: however, those involved in carrying out the project have received letters of dismissal because of administrative problems in transferring the money for the project from the Road Safety Administration. The scientists heading the project have sent a letter of complaint to Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy.

In response, administration spokesman Shmuel Bahagon said the project had not been ended, but that it was being carried out in confunction with two other studies in Petah Tikva and Kfar Sava. The Netanya project will continue until September, while those in the other cities, which had started later, will continue for a few more months. When all the projects are finished, they will be evaluated by the police, Bahagon said.

Police crackdown on drivers; Knesset fights war on roads

400,000 strike over economic plans

MORE than 400,000 workers held a one-hour warning strike yesterday in response to the Histadrut's call to protest the government's anticipated eco-nomic measures and privatization plans.

"I am sure the government now understands that its ability to make economic moves, and to succeed in them, depends on a fair distribution of the burden and on coopera-tion with the workers," Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said after the strike.

Meanwhile, a significant sign of an impending economic slowdown emerged yesterday; when the Bank of Israel said its index of integrated indicators declined in May by 0.7 percent, in comparison with the previous month, the first contraction in more than three years in this broad measurement of the economy's overall vitality.

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that the pace of growth in factory orders for equipment and machinery slowed during the April-May period to 6%-7%, after having stood at 13%-17% during the previous two months, and 17%-20% during the second half of last year. (Story, Page 8)

The strike concentrated mainly in the public sector. At 10 a.m., hundreds of thousands abandoned their desks and work stations to attend protest meetings. Trains, ports, and airports ground to a schedules, and the Department and Magen David Adom switched to emergency services only.

The banks, stock market, and business sector received permission from the Histatlrut to schedule their protest meetings earlier in the morning, before business hours, when the least damage would be caused.

The main protest meeting took place at Ben-Gurion Airport, where thousands of technicians, engineers, and ground workers gathered to listen to union leaders and Peretz.

"We say to the government, let's go together (on the privatization plans]. Hear our demands and the principles we insist upon. We have more experience in this than you do," Peretz said.

The workers expressed fear that the moves planned by the government will lead to mass dismissals and the violation of existing wage, pension, and cost-of-living increment agreements.

Airport Authority union chairman Pinhas Idan rejected criticism that the strike was political, stressing: "I'm a sworn Likud supporter, but we won't let any government, no matter who heads it, endanger our livelihood, I've been working here for 20 years, and there is a danger that people will find themselves jobless, after working for 20 or 30 years." The Haifa Port workers stated that they wouldn't let the government privatize them, and attacked Peretz for his willingness to discuss the possibility of privatization with the government.

Haifa Histadrut chairman Baruch Saltz promised the workers: "We will not sit down to hear about privatization in any circumstances, and this includes Peretz. The Haifa Port will not be priva-

us. We'll show them they can't take the ports away from us," one union leader said. Another large gathering took

place outside the TAAS-Israel Industries building in Ramat Hasharon, where Histadrut executive member Pinni Sbomer and union leader Haim Zweig addressed thousands of workers.

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Mandela to visit

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SOUTH African President Nelson Mandela will make a landmark visit to Israel on August 19-20. Mandela, who has been a champion of the Palestinian cause, will also visit Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, and Jordan's King Hussein. Presideot Ezer Weizman extended the invitation while attending Mandela's inauguration in May 1994. Both Arafat and Hussein have also extended invitations to the South African leader. Mandela is likely to be the first head of state to visit the Netanyahu government. South African Ambassador Malcolm Ferguson iodicated that on political meaning should be read into the timing of the visit, but rather it reflected an opening in Mandela's schedule. Ferguson said Mandela can be expected to press for Israeli-Palestinian talks. "When the president comes in August, you can expect him to voice unequivocal support for the Middle East peace process. He will certainly urge the parties to maintain a genuine dialogue," Ferguson said.

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E MATTER

ISRAEL should lift the months-

old closure on the territories and

proceed with the redeployment in Hebron, Likud MK Gideon Ezra

said yesterday. "Terronists don't use Israeli permits, so they can

still find other ways in, while the

closure punishes those who seek

Ezra, a former deputy head of

the General Security Services,

made the comments yesterday

during a Peace Now-sponsored meeting with about 100 Israeli and

Palestinian vouths from Jerusalem

Later, in response to a question

from the audience. Ezra said the

new government should abide by

the Oslo accords, while moving

Ezra added that he would object

to the presence of Palestinian

police armed with Kalashnikov

rifles in Hebron, but would have

THE IDF has set up an inquiry

into the electrocution of Second-

exercise Sunday, when an antenna

on his communications equipment

hit a high-voltage power line in

the Kfar Shmuel area, near Ben-

Ahani, 21, of Karmiel, was

buried yesterday afternoon at the

Tsur Shalom cemetery in Kiryat

Bialik. More than 1,000 people

attended the funeral, including

Karmiel Mayor Adi Eldar, whose

son grew up with Assaf. "He was

the pride of the class, its first offi-

THE Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the second

largest faction in the PLO, has

frozen its membership in the orga-

nization until Palestinian

Authority President Yasser Arafat

cancels his agreements with Israel.

The decision was announced in

Damascus yesterday at the urging

of George Habash, after a three-day meeting of the PFLP polit-

buro. At the same time, the polit-

buro is sending Abu Ali Mustafa,

Habash's deputy, to Gaza to enforce the decision, according to

more moderate PFLP members

Habash has always opposed the

Oslo agreements, and the decision

will further sideline the PLO

while the PA, Palestinian Council,

and revamped Palestinian National Council take charge.

At its peak, the PFLP enjoyed

support of about 10 percent of

Palestinians, but it has dropped

since Oslo. Its decision follows a

trend among all Palestinian

groups to be more radical ahroad

here who have sought compro-

mise with Arafat.

According to a preliminary

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on issues such as

to follow the law," he said.

and the West Bank.

MK Ra'anan Cohen was chosen yesterday to be Labor's Knesset faction chairman. Cohen, who ran against MK Yossi Beilin, won 17 15. There were two abstentions. This will be Cohen's second consecutive term as faction head. Although all the Labor MKs are

careful to say the party is united. and there are no camps operating within it, Cohen is considered to be particularly close to Ehud Barak who is considered a rival to Haim Ramon.

The faction will operate against the coalition and against the Likud and bring about a change in government as soon as

Ra'anan Cohen to

head Labor faction

possible," Cohen said. "From here, we'll stride together in one direction: a direction of hope and

Beilin said the faction had proven it is possible to hold internal elections without hatred and unpleasantness. "Now we must act as the watchdog of the peace process," he said.

Former prime minister Shimon Peres also stressed the importance of preserving party unity and not interpreting the elections as a victory for this or that camp. He said

the opposition's job is to criticize the work of the government. Both Peres and Cohen support the idea of establishing a shadow govern-

MK Haggai Merom, who is considered close to Beilin, did not rule out the possibility that the party is divided. "It could be that there was a matter of camps involved [in the election]." he said. "We'll have to see what happens with the rest of the allocation of positions." "I don't have a camp in Labor. It's all in the mind of the media," said Barak. "Beilin is one of Labor's most important

Wallerstein wins election for territories council

PINHAS Wallerstein, head of the Binyamin Regional Council, was voted the new chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria yesterday, in a victory for the settlement move-

ment's ideological wing.

However, the vote may also widen the rift between the ideological wing and the more prag-

matic, largely secular wing. Wallerstein was elected by a vote of 14-0, with one abstention, after six council heads left the room in protest. The six were supporters of rival candidate Shlomo Kalan, mayor of Alfei Menashe, who favors shifting the council's focus to municipal rather than ide-

ological issues. Katan decided not to run after the council rejected his faction's motion that only local council heads he allowed to vote. Currently, eight public figures have voting rights on the council in addition to the 23 local council

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heads. Most of the former group which includes figures such as former Tehiya MK Elyakim Ha'etzni, Kiryat Arba Rabbi Eliezer Waldman and settlement activist Benny Katzover - are identified with the council's ideological

"It is clear to me that the [public figures] vote as a bloc, and that the council will therefore continue to he a hranch of Gush Emunim." Katan said, adding that his bloc will meet in the near future to consider their next steps. "This isn't democracy. The council represents a minority of the settlers today, because it doesn't represent the

large urban settlements, However, council spokesman Yehiel Leiter pointed out that since only four of the public figures actually voted. Wallerstein received the votes of a majority of the council heads as well - including some of the heads of the large urban settlements.

This is clearly a victory for the ideological strain within the council," he said. "Particularly now that the Likud is in power, there's a need for a strong ideological bloc on the right."

The fact that Wallerstein is "one of the most well liked" of the member council heads also made the opposition's task more difficult, he noted.

[Wallerstein] is one of the most supportive council heads, and be's also one of the most involved [in the Council of Jewish Communities]," Leiter said. Wallerstein is replacing Yisrael

Harel, who has headed the Council of Jewish Communities since its founding. A native of Haifa, Wallerstein now resides in Psagot with his wife and seven children. He has headed the Binyamin regional council since

Egypt to raise issue of US objectivity in peace talks

CAIRO (AP) - President Hosni Mubarak will raise discussed between the two leaders," he added. the question of whether the United States is tilting toward Israel in the Middle East peace talks when he visits. Washington in late July, Egypt's foreign minis-

Mubarak expects to discuss the American role as a mediator in the talks when he sees President Clinton, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said in an interview published yesterday in the opposition Al-Arabi newspaper. "The American role in the peace process is impor-

should be an objective mediator." Moussa was quot-"There are criticisms that the United States is not objective toward the policy of Israel, and this must

Moussa's comments uoderline the sentiment in Egypt and the Arab world that the United States dropped its objectivity in supporting Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's call for resuming peace talks

without "pre-conditions." . Although American officials have said the United States has not changed its position; Christopher's statements unleashed a torrent of criticism in government-run Egyptian newspapers.

hroker in the talks. On Sunday, the state-run daily Al-Akhbar ran a cartoon depicting Christopher in the guise of a well-known Egyptian actor who usually plays the role of a fool.

Hizbullah gunmen attack in zone

HIZBULLAH gunmen attacked with mortars and machine-gun fire at a main crossing point on the northern perimeter of the security zone early yesterday, as the organization maintained its pressure on the South Lebanese Army.

There were no casualties in the attack on the checkpoint, near Huleh village. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire. Meanwhile, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah has

reportedly given an assurance that the organization will not launch any attacks on Israel if the IDF withdraws from the zone.

The guarantee was apparently

DAVID RUDGE

given in an interview with a USbased magazine, Middle East Insight, and was quoted in yesterday's edition of Ha'arer.

The report said Nasrallah was doubtful that Israel would be willing to withdraw, despite his assurances and those of the Lehanese government.

He also reportedly cast doubts over Israel's intention to uphold the Grapes of Wrath understandings, which ban attacks on civilians on both sides of the horder. Hizbullah leaders have in the

tion would cease its so-called resistance activities if the IDF were to withdraw from south Lebanon, hut it has not stated so categorically.

The fate of the SLA and espe-

cially its leaders, however, is more clear. Hizbullah has threatened to take revenge on those who have aided the "Zionist enemy," while the Beirut government has already begun steps to try them for trea-

Lehanese observers in Israel said that even if Nasrallah was nuoted correctly, his comments were probably designed for international consumption.

IAI to maintain and upgrade Airbus passenger jet

past indicated that the organiza-

ISRAEL Aircraft Industries has become the representative for the maintenance and upgrading of the Airbus passenger jet, the compa-

ny said yesterday. IAI's Bedek division will service the Airbus jets, including the A-300 and A-310 models. Starting in 1997, Airbus plans on manufacturing 14 jets monthly. Airbus deputy director-general

Gerard Misrai said the decision to authorize IAI as his company's representative came after a long

examination of the company and its performance.

David Arzi, Bedek director, said the decision is significant for LAI. "For Bedek, it has been a dream come true," he said. "We have always respected Airbus. We are aware of the tremendous competition, but we had ambitions to achieve a permanent relation with Airbus. This is a connection that is very important to us, and we will treat it with the utmost seri-

Arzi said he hopes that Israeli airlines, such as Arkia, will buy jets from Airbus and benefit from Bedek services.

ousness.

Airbus has been operating for 26 years. It is a product of a consortium that includes British Aerospace, Deutsch Aerospace, and Aerospatiale.

Last month, the company bad 2,000 orders and had already supplied 661 jets.

unnecessary and premature. The Hist2drut is shooting from the hip for no reason. There isn't any economic program vet. I have no doubt that when the time comes for practical moves, nobody will forget the Histadrut, and every move will be discussed with the

accident

Twelve people were injured, three of them seriously, in an accident on the Coastal Road near the day morning.

A car, driven by a 19-year-old from Petah Tikva and illegally carryiog six passengers - one io the its right.

road into a ditch. There were five people in the van. Police attributed the accident to the lack of sleep and inexpenence of the car's driver, who obtained his driver's license three weeks ago.

leave Kiryat Shmona for Eilat

bicycle trek in Israel's history, cyclists took off from Kiryat hmona on a trip that will take them 800 kilometers down to Eilat, via dozens of cities, villages and nature sites around the coun-

The bicycle trip, which was organized by the association of community ceoters, will be covered daily on Educational TV. Its theme is "The challenge - good manners on the roads," and its purpose is to promote road safety and discovering the country. The cyclists are scheduled to arrive in Eilat in August,

handguns. When asked whether be was in favor of building new settlements, Ezra said that care should be taken not to provoke new quarrels with the Palestinians.

YOCHI DREAZEN

Ezra: Lift closure,

"Before huilding new ones, we should fill all of the empty bouses," he said. "New settlements should be hnift in places where they are needed, like Efrat, but we must proceed carefully." While most of the event proceeded calmly, tempers flared on the subjects of Jerusalem and the IDF's behavior during the intifada. First, a Palestinian from Ramallah said he would "be the first one to fight and throw stones" if Israel refused to divide Jerusalem. Another Palestinian told Ezra that no matter how many rights they may be

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein poses in the Hazrot Yosef caravan site with some of the 45 new

immigrants from Ethiopia who celebrated their bar mitzva yesterday. I didn't have a har mitzva

in the Soviet Union, so I am particularly excited,' Edelstein told the children, to whom he present-

IDF sets up inquiry into officer

electrocuted in training accident

Jerusalem Post Staff

the planning of the exercise and

those who were in command are

MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz)

submitted a parliamentary ques-

tion to the defense minister asking

him to explain what conclusions

were reached and what measures

were taken as a result of the deaths

of three soldiers in similar acci-

dents in south Lebanon two years

conclusions of those investiga-

PFLP freezes membership in PLO

JON IMMANUEL

than inside the territories under

PA authority. It means that Hamas

and the PFLP, the two largest

Palestinian opposition groups, are

PFLP members who came to

Gaza to monitor, hut boycott, the

April PNC meeting that was to

amend the Palestinian Covenant

reported back to Habash on their

impressions and apparently

sought some kind of accommoda-

tion with Arafat. But the PFLP

central committee gave the can-

cellation of the charter and the

change of Israeli government as

reasons hy for its decision to

suspending its membership in the

PLO because of the PLO leader-

ship's destructive policy, which

led to its recognition of the

enemy's entity and denying the

national charter through adopting

the Oslo deals," spokesman Maher Taher said in a statement

"The PFLP announces that it is

freeze membership of the PLO.

hoth outside the PLO.

Why weren't the operative

tions implemented? Why weren't It's absurd.

expected to be held responsible.

learn our history, instead of histogiven in Jerusalem, they will no objection to them carrying always view Israelis as "occury as taught by the Arabs."

deploy from Hebron piers. "If I see an Israel in my city, even if be treats me well, I will still hate him and call him my enemy," he said. Ezra, visibly angry, responded that Israel was a strong country which would not negotiate with those who threatened it. "We know how to handle our enemies," he warned. Later, after a Palestinian complained that his hrother's corpse had been left to rot for two weeks after being killed in a clash with the IDF, Ezra called him a "liar" and refused to answer his question about Israel's commitment to peace. "I spent 20 years in Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank," Ezra told him. "That type of story is a product of your imagination." After the meeting, Ezra said that while he found it valuable, he was alarmed hy the attitude of many of the Israelis. These Jews need to learn who they are," he said. "They should

the height of antennas decreased

as a result of inquiries?" Chazan

She has called for the establish-

After the 1994 accidents, the

ment of an independent body to

series of steps to prevent such an

Ahani was riding in a command

According to a senior IDF offi-

cer, "it is not feasible that such an

accident should happen to a cadet

during an officer's training course.

After assessing the implications

of the change in Israel's govern-

ment, it said, "The committee

believes the region is heading

toward ... developments constitut-

ing great dangers for the Palestinians and Arabs."

Bir Zeit University Prof. Riyad

Malki who was once local

spokesman for the PFLP, but was

expelled for supporting participa-

tion in Palestinian elections last

January, said that Mustafa will be

"sole leader in charge of the West

Bank and Gaza, while Habash

The PFLP in the West Bank and

Malki said be hopes it will be

possible to establish a third party

between Fatah and Hamas,

including some of the opposition

members of the Palestinian

Council, which would seek to nor-

malize relations with the PA:

"There is a hig gap between the PA and Hamas, we could easily

Curfew on

Gaza has already shriveled with

defections from the party line.

necessary to avoid a split."

car when the accident occurred.

investigate IDF accidents.

accident from recurring.

Hebron Jews gratified by visit of Shas ninisters

EVELYN GORDON

RESIDENTS of Hebron and Kiryat Arba expressed cautious optimism yesterday after a tour of the area by two Shas cahinet mem-

Interior Minister Eli Suissa and Labor Minister Eli Yishai arranged the tour to study the security problems which might be caused by redeployment in

"I think it is better to see for yourself than to hear about things," Snissa explained at a press conference after the visit. "I don't see how I could go to a cabinet meeting, express an opinion and vote without being here on the

ground." Suissa said the visit had given him a better understanding of the complexity of the situation, but declined to say whether that meant

he would oppose a redeployment.

I am convinced that the matter is even more complicated than I had previously thought," he said. "But I think our tour here in Hebron today is only one side of the problem. We also need to hear the other side, which is the diplomatic side - to see what our commitments are and what the agreements are, and then to try to tie it all together ... and come up with

the best solution." Hebron spokesman David Wilder said the community was pleased that the two had taken the trouble to come and see the residents' side of the picture, even if they did not express unequivocal

support afterwards. "It's very important that these people come to visit Hebron," he said. "Of course we'd be happy if they came down and gave us the same kind of support we received from [Likud MK Ariel] Sharon ... But this is one of the first times we've seen any real desire on [Shas'] part to understand the issues from our point of view, and we view that very positively."

Kiryat Arba spokesman Tzuri Popovitch expressed similar-sentiments, noting that Shas mentor Rahhi Ovadia Yosef had made 2 "great contribution" to the resicause by as minister Shimon Peres to delay the redeployment earlier this spring.

"We hope this line will continue," he said, "But they didn't chief of general staff appointed a come to make declarations. They came to learn."

committee of inquiry that issued a In other news, a young woman from Hebron was attacked by three Arah women yesterday morning while she was walking from Beit Hadassah to Tel Rumeida. According to residents, the women hit her, scratched her, pulled her hair and tried to drag her into a house, but she succeed-

ed in escaping,

Boaz Goldberg, spokesman for
the police's Judea and Samaria region, said the police are not investigating the incident because

no complaint was filed. "This [incident] is very serious." Wilder said. "It's also only the beginning of what would happen if the army redeployed in Hebron."

Machpela Cave to close on July 7

THE Machpela Cave will be will be in charge abroad. This was closed to both Jews and Arabs for a few days starting on July 7, the army announced yesterday. The IDF Spokesman said the temporary closure is a routine measure, which takes place every four months, to enable the force guarding the cave to conduct training exercises and to permit repairs. The army did not say how long the closure would last.

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John Deutch. He will be feted at a reception bosted hy Vice President Al Gore. On Wednesday, he will address a joint session of Congress, and

speak to the National Press Club. On Thursday, Netanyahu will make a key address to top American industrialists in New York, along with Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, in a bid to woo more investment to Israel. This is one of the reasons that Netanyahu is seeking to push through a budget agreement

On the same day, Netanyahu will address thousands of Jewish activists under the sponsorship of the Jewish Community Relations Council and will also address the Conference of Presidents of

American Jewish Organizations.
Netanyahu, whose his wife Sara and sons Yair and Avner will accompany him, will spend Shabbat in New York before returning home.

MUBARAK

(Continued from Page 1) noes" of Netanyahu - no to the division of Jerusalem. to a withdrawal from the Golan, and to the establishment of a Palestinian state - put all Arab leaders in a very difficult position regarding public opinion in their countries.

Mubarak met last night with

French President Jacques Chirac and discussed the future of the peace process.

STRIKE

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Shomer said the workers are alarmed by reports of plans to unilaterally privatize, without coordinating with the workers. Doron Tamir, chairman of Manufacturers Association's labor committee estimated the strike's damage at NIS 20 mil-lion, noting that hardly any disruptions were caused in the busi-

ness sector. Tamir blasted the strike as Histadrut and the employers."

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Wingate Institute at 5:15 yester-

trunk - was returning from a party, when it swerved and hit the van on The two vehicles then ran off the

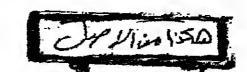
quoted hy Reuters. Bicycle trekkers

In what is billed as the longest

Bidiya lifted THE IDF lifted the curfew yester-

fill that gap."

day on the village of Bidiya, near Ariel, that was imposed after police First-Sgt. Meir Alush was killed and his wife, Nitza, wounded in a terror attack there on June



Kahalani Visits Ayalon Prison

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INTERNAL Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani visited Ramle's Ayalon Prison yesterday and was briefed on the problems that the Prisons Service faces.

He chanted with prisoners in their cells and was given first-hand accounts on life in prison.

After his visit, Kahalani said that the wardens' job was not an easy one and i, is in most cases thankless, adding that the ministry and Prisons Service must realize that they are dealing with human beings and should do everything to, ensure that prisoners' self-respect and dignity are main-

In the past few years, Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi has launched a major drive to rehabilitate prisoners who are addicted to drugs. Kahalani stressed that rehabilitation is of the utmost importance, but he expressed concern that drugs are so available in prisons.

Kahalani's predecessor Moshe Shahai started a project whereby police lock-ups would come under the jurisdiction of the Prisons: Service, to solve the problems of overcrowding and escapes. Kahalani said he would continue



A group of children with cancer are given a tour of Tel Aviv police headquarters yesterday by Tel Aviv police chief Gabi Last. The 40 children, accompanied by actress Gila Almagor (upper right), were given a demonstration of trained police dogs sniffing out drugs and explosives.

Man sentenced for murder of underworld figure

MERETZ yesterday asked the

High Court of Justice to prevent

the appointment of MK Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) as chairman of the

The peninon is based on the

iodictment which is pending against him for tax fraud and vio-

lations of the party funding laws.

According to the draft indict-ment, Pinhasi illegally hired yeshiva students, who are forbid-den by law to work while they are

deferring their army service, to

work for Shas in the 1988 election

campaign. He failed to pay taxes for these workers, and he also allegedly submitted a false set of

books to the state comptroller.

The Knesset originally decided in March 1993 to lift Pinhasi's

immunity so that he could stand trial. Pinhasi then petitioned the

High Court against this decision, and the court ordered a revote.

During the revote, which took place in July 1993, the Knesset

decided nut to lift his immunity. Therefure, Pinhasi has never

Knesset House Committee.

REUVEN Graziani, 37, was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment by Tel Aviv District Court for the murder of underworld figure Amnon

Bahashian was gunned down two years ago as he sat outside his Tel Aviv restaurant. Graziani's sunglasses and items of clothing bearing his fingerprints were found nearby. He had been expelled from the US, where he had served a prison sentence, only a few weeks prior to the

Judges Devora Berliner, Ze'ev Hammer, and Sara Sirotta said that Graziani's refusal to participate in a line-up only strengthened their decision to convict him. He also refused to allow police to fingerprint him. but admitted that the sunglasses found near the scene belonged to him. Police believed he murdered Bahashian to avenge the anempted murder of his brother, who was supposed to testify against Bahashian, who then fled here from the US. Bahashian's nephew is currently serving a prison sentence there for the offense.

Graziani said he intends to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Meretz petitions

against Pinhasi

appointment

EVELYN GORDON

However, the pention noted, in

response to a petition asking that

Pinhasi not be allowed to serve as

a deputy minister, the High Court ruled that the crimes with which he was charged "appear to indi-cate a 'moral defect' in his behav-

ior, and can be classified as crimes

which, under the circumstances,

The petition argued that it is

improper for someone suspected of such crimes to head the House Committee, which is responsible

for upholding House rules, because this would damage pub-lie faith in the committee's deci-

sions and in the rule of law in

In particular, the perition said, it

is wrong for the House Committee, which has the job of

deciding whether to lift MKs'

immunity, to be headed by some-

one who did everything possible to avoid having bis own immuni-

involve moral turpitude."

stood trial.

The problem is heightened by the fact that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair is considering asking the new Knesset to revote on lifting Pinhasi's immunity, the petition added. It is therefore possible that Pinhasi would be heading the committee which decides his own fate.

Liet Collins adds:

Pinhasi said if he is elected to chair the House Committee he would not run the meetings on Ben-Yair's request that his immunity be lifted. "Even though a legal opininn I received indicated there is no reason I should not chair the committee, even during debates on lifting political immunity, I decided in announce my intention at this stage nut to do so in order to prevent slanderous talk," Pinhasi said in a letter he sent Speaker Dan Tichon.

Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar is expected to state his opinion on the subject within a couple of

Magen is deputy finance minister

MK David Magen (Gesher) was yesterday appointed deputy finance minister. Finance Minister Dan Meridor announced the appointment in the Knesset plenum noting it has been approved by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. A discussion on the appointment will be held next week at the request of 36 MKs, but under the Basic Law: The Government, the appointment does not need the approval of the Knesser. Liai Collins

Petition against Leah Rabin benefits thrown out

THE High Court of Justice yesterday threw out a petition against the office, car and secretary given Leah Rabin after her husband was assassinated. The petitioner, Ya'acov Elias, had charged that Rabin was using her government funding to incite against the right wing, and that her benefits should therefore be

1,200 illegal Arab workers found in center of country last month

MORE than 1,200 Arabs from the territories illegally in Israel were rounded up last month. in the central district, according to Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky, chief of the Central District, responsible for patrolling the Green

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Aharonishky was speaking yesterday follow-ing a dawn raid in the Green Line area, the sixth in a series of crackdowns on Arabs ille-

Some 90 illegal Arab workers were rounded up yesterday in a raid conducted by large forces of police, border police, and civil guard volunteers. The workers were found in the areas of Shoham, Maccabim, Reut and Lapid, for up to two years employers hiring Arabs

RAINE MARCUS

and criminal files were opened against seven employers.

potential offenders that the Central District will not allow the employment of Arabs with-

A new law empowers the courts to imprison

illegally, but the courts usually hand out hefty fines. Aharonishky said he holds employers and those allowing Arabs to sleep over in Israeli towns fully responsible.

Continuing operations of this kind will make employers think twice before hiring Arabs illegally," said Aharonishky. "Cooperation among different authorities, including regional councils and the courts, will halo no stamp out this phenomenon."

help us stamp out this phenomenon."

However, he added, the problem, which constitutes a danger to security, cannot be viped out completely, and police need additional resources, including personnel, to deal

NII expects to collect Immigrant couple NIS 13b. this year

THE National Insurance Institute health fund director-general expects to collect NIS 13 billion in Shabtai Shavit that using the NII as health taxes this year, based on the amount already taken in during the

first five months of this year.

NII Director-General Yossi Tamir said this week that in 1995, the NII took in NIS 700 million more in health taxes than was collected as membership fees by the various health funds before the National Health Insurance Law passed 18 months ago.

Tamir was reacting to comments made last week by the Maccabi

wins NIS12 million in Lotto

A NEW immigrant couple from the CIS were the winners of last Tuesday's NIS 12 million Lotto prize, it was revealed yesterday, after a

The couple, in their 40s and from the North, came here four years ago. The husband is a factory worker and his wife is an unemployed engineer. They have one daughter, who is a high school student. "We are a new immigrant success story," the wife said. "We worked

hard and saved every penny for an apartment, and then took a huge mortgage. Now we can pay off the mortgage."

She said she had not idea what to do with the rest of the money, since

"it still seems like a hig dream." A large portion of the money, she said, will certainly go into savings.

Her husband, who was earning NIS 4,000 a month, said he would like

to open his own business and employ other new immigrants. (Itim)

donate ambulance to Metulla

A FULLY equipped ambulance costing over NIS200,000 was donated to residents of the Galilee panhandle yesterday by the Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod, as a result of the Katyusha attacks nn the region.

The ambulance, which will serve all residents of the region, was presented by Jewish **DAVID RUDGE**

Jewish Agency and Keren Havesod

Burg and Keren Hayesod world chairman Shlomo Hillel to Metulla Local Council head Yossi Goldberg in a ceremony at the agency's headquarters in

It is part of the aid package promised by Burg to residents

of the North when a high-ranking delegation of Jewish Agency representatives visited the reginn during Operation, Grapes of Wrath.

The money for the ambulance, which meers Magen David Adom standards, was raised from donations from the Jewish community in Denmark through the auspices of Keren Hayesod.

The strange tale of Netanyahu's au pair

a conduit for health taxes works to

the health funds' detriment. Tamir

did not mention an expected short-fall of NIS 1.5 billion between

health costs and income in 1996.

Direct collection as health taxes,

based on income, saved NIS 100

million in administrative costs;

the health funds previously had

many bundreds of clerks to do this

work, while the need for increased

NII staff to do this job has been much smaller, Tamir said.

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AU pairs and their employers often part with hittemess. But when it's the au pair of the prime minister's children, she also comes away with a very

salable story.
So it was hardly surprising that after Tanya Shaw, 21, found herself summarily dismissed on Sunday afternoon, she turned to Ma'ariv for "help." That newspaper said it found her sitting on the sidewalk ontside the Netanyahu home in Jerusalem, surrounded by her belongings and crying, and eager to tell her

The next morning her father, Philip Shaw, of Efrat, phoned The Jerusalem Post offering more details than had appeared on Ma'ariv's front page. He was with his daughter at a Jerusalem hotel, where her new benefac-

tors were putting her up.
The family moved from
Johannesburg to Tel Aviv last
August then moved to Efrat
About six months ago, while Tanya was still attending an ulpan, she applied for an au pair job through a Tel Aviv-based firm that matched her up with the Netanyahus.

After a thorough security check, "they called Tanya and said: 'Come immediately.' Then they said she should come three daya later; then they told her to sign a contract and start work-ing immediately," he said. "She didn't have a chance to have the contract perused."

Her duties included not only . looking after the two Netanyahu children, Yair and Avner, but also cooking for the family and cleaning, her father said. Her day started when the children woke up. about 6:30. "We ESTHER HECHT



Tanya Shaw: Summarily dismissed by the Netanyahu family on Sunday.

would call [on her private line] at 11:30 p.m. or midnight. Often, she was still working after midnight."

According to the contract, she was to have been paid on the ninth of each month, but "she was always paid later - and in part, not in full," be said.

According to Shaw, relations between his daughter and Sara Netanyahn were never good. There were screaming match-

Four months ago, the au pair agency called the parents in for a meeting, saying relations between Netanyahu and his daughter were very bad, he said: A woman at the agency, who would identify herself only as

Hilma, described Tanya as having "a high temper and a hig month, and her parents acknowledge it," hut added that

she is a "good girl" and "knnws how to apolngize."

What happened on Tanya's last day of work with the Netanyahus is unclear. Ma' ariv quotes her as saying she was out with Avner, when a guard told her Netanyahu wanted to see her mer meranyahu wanted to see her immediately. According to her, Netanyahu said, "You forgot the sonp on the stove and it's burned."

After a heated exchange, in which Shaw said she was giving two weeks' notice, and then five days' notice, Netanyahu nrdered a guard to throw her ont of the house, Ma'ariv reported. Three hours later, she was allnwed back in to gather her belong-

ings.
The Prime Minister's Office refused to say anything beyond the statement it made to Ma'ariv: "The au pair's recent behavior in the Netanyahu home showed indications of acute instability. In light of this, security recommended she be removed from the prime minister's home.

"The Netanyahu family intended to continue employing ber till the end of the [one-year] contract, but an outburst bordering on violence led to a fire in the family kitchen yesterday, and led to her dismissal. The Netanyahu family regrets the au pair's severe condition and her imagined and false claims, and will do everything possible to help in her rehabilitation."

Meanwhile, the au pair agency said it is interviewing a replace-

Man held on suspicion of killing baby daughter

KIRYAT Shmona police are investigating suspicions that a local man killed his two-monthold daughter. The man arrived in the emergency room yesterday morning with his daughter's body. claiming that she slipped out of his hands in the bathtub and died.

The examining doctor saw suspicious signs on the baby's body and called the police, who decided to send the body for an autopsy. The man was held for questioning. The mother, who was summoned to the hospital, said she had been out on errands when the incident occurred. The enuple, who are not married, have a twoyear-old daughter and the woman has another child from a previous marriage. Social workers are considering taking the children from the borne pending the results of the investigation.

Court rejects petition against UTJ coalition deal

THE High Court of Justice has rejected a petition against the coalition agreement with United Torah Indaism. The petition, by Ha'aretz reporter Ben-Zion Sitrin, argued Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's promise to UTI to hold the Housing Ministry for his entire term of office was illegal, because he relinquished the right granted him by law to move ministers and ministries around. However, the court said the issue was irrelevant unless and until Netanyahu was actually being constrained by the pact to do or not do something specific. Evelyn Gordon

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(PLD), had defeated

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parliamentary elections that top-

pled former communists,

Mongolia's democratic opposition

immediately set its sights yester-

day on speeding up political and

"We have a very, very big task," said Gonchigdorj, leader of the democratic coalition, who like

many Mongolians uses only one

name. The victorious opposition, which has never held power, now

must not only form a government

In Sunday's polling, the two-

party democranic alliance took at

least 48 of the 76 parliamentary seats, trouncing the formerly

Revolutionary Party, which had

The ex-communists dropped

from their current 70 seats to 23,

according to preliminary official

returns. Five seats were still unde-

ruled for nearly 75 years.

People's

but figure out how to run one.

economic reforms.

communist

Francisco Pena Gomez of the cen-tre-left Dominican Revolutionary as president on Aug. 16, taking over from Balaguer who has Party (PRD), by 51.25 percent to 48.75 percent.

Stunning win for

Mongolian democracy

left or arrived. An enterprising

vendor moved in and sold bottles

Formation of the new govern-ment might not happen for anoth-er month. During the next week, activity will grind to a halt for the

national "nadaam" festival, which

features traditional tests of skill

like horse-racing, archery and

At the headquarters of the ex-

communists, officials sequestered

themselves in closed-door meet-

ings and rebuffed requests for

comment. At one point, reporters

standing outside the door of a

room where a meeting was under

Mongolian wrestling.

within 15 days.

of cherry soda.

Before issuing the results bul-letin, the election board said on television a small number of ballots had not been included in the total because they had not been counted or were declared null, but they would not affect the out-

Fernandez will be inaugurated

liminary tally would not be made official until after it investigates apparent agitation.
State radio reported the election any allegations of unfairness and results tersely, reading off the list of winning candidates without formally presents the results to the president, which must be done commentary. In a weedy square outside the coalition headquarters, a festive

Various government and nongovernment observers, speaking on condition of anonymity, disatmosphere prevailed as word of the results spread. Crowds of supcounted the possibility that the porters obeered when a candidate former communists would refuse

to hand over power. Mongolia's transition away from communism has been remarkable for its peacefulness, and few thought the People's Revolutionary Party would jeopardize foreign aid and investment

by any repressive actions. Galthuu, an official with the Mongolian Chamber Commerce and Industry, said opposition pledges to accelerate the privatization of state-run enterprises and reform the banking system could belp attract badly needed outside investment. "I think these (election) results will be very, very positive.

served seven non-consecutive

The 42-year-old lawyer's

appointment will end six decades

of strongman rule. Before Balaguer, dictator Rafael Trujillo

ruled the Caribbean nation from

1930 until his 1961 assassination.

PLD headquarters, wearing hats,

shirts and badges of purple, the colour of the PLD. Music blasted

as they danced, waved banners

and sang to celebrate the party's

"I believe the triumph of the PLD with the National Patriotic

Front is a triumph of the

Dominican people and of democracy in general," said Juan Ramon

Ortiz, 43, who embraced passers-

by as he swayed at the edge of the

The National Patriotic Front is

an alliance of the PLD and

Balaguer's Social Christian

Reform Party (PRSC), the conser-

vative nationalist party that was

with the ruling party helped push

Observers said Fernandez's link

the PLD's biggest enemy.

One man shouted;

Thousands celebrated outside

terms as president.

Trujillo is dead!"

crowd.



Over 1,000 youths take the Chinese Communist Party oath during an induction ceremony at Tiananmen Square yesterday. The mass induction coincides with the 75th anniversary of the party, which is trying to recapture the vigor of its youth by recruiting

Familiar faces head Vietnamese Politburg

HANOI (AP) - The ruling Communist Party named a new Polithuro yesterday with the same top leaders but more members from the security forces.

General Secretary Do Muoi, President Le Duc Anh and Premier Vo Van Kiet were all reappointed, although the new Politburo is

slightly younger than the last one. But the presence of six members from the military and police, up from the previous four, gave it a conservative cast. Moreover, three out of five members of the Politburo Standing Committee, a newly created sub-group, are from the security contingent.

We can only have economic development with social and polltical stability," said Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam, a Politburo member, when asked about military and police members.

"If we want to have stability, we need to ensure our security," he said at a news conference. The 19-member Politburo and 170-member Central Committee were announced at the end of a four-day national party congress. The

gathering, the first in five years, set ambitious

goals including annual economic growth of 9-

But it also stressed the need to maintain

10 percent and eradicating hunger by the year

strong party and state control over the economy and society, and to guard against foreign ideas that might undermine the party's power. The continued presence of the party's top three leaders - Muoi, Anh and Kiet, all in their

70s - indicates a continuation of the current policy of widening foreign relations, welcoming but attempting to control foreign investors, and moving slowly and tentatively toward a liberal economy. Asked about the prospect for political liber-

alization, Muoi said Vietnam already has a kind of democracy that suits it.

"If anybody wants to attack this (Communist) party, they will be in big trouble," he said. Asked how long the party would remain in power, he said, "Forever."

Party officials, including an outgoing Central Committee member, bave said the top three may retire in the second half of next year,

action was suggested.

but no formal announcement was made. Muoi, who is 79 and walks a bit shakily, told reporters he will leave when the party asks him

The presence of the three septuagenarians was balanced by the addition of two officials in their late 40s. The Politburo also includes a woman for the first time.

We think of it as a family, where we include both the old and the young," said Nong Duc Manh, 55, a Politburo member and chairman of the National Assembly.

"To play its role well, the party has to reform and adjust itself," Muoi said in a closing speech to the gathering, standing in front of huge portraits of Marx and Lenin. He urged all party members to be honest and thrifty. Widespread corruption emerged as a sec-

ondary theme during the congress, with many delegates identifying it as a serious problem for the party's image. However, no plan of

Muoi's predecessor as party chief, Nguyen Van Linh, shook up many delegates when he gave a speech suggesting the party is corrupt-

ed at the very top.
"If your house has problems with the roof and you only mend the wall, the problems will never be solved," Linh said.

him to the presidency. New leak at Chernobyl

KIEV (Reuter) - A small amount two working reactors at the Chernobyl power station, site of the world's worst nuclear disaster, plant staff and Ukraine's nuclear authority said yesterday.

Galina Nosach, an engineer at the station 140 km north of Kiev, said the leak occurred in a corridor in the main room of Chemobyl's reactor no. 1.

She said the incident rated zero on the 0-7 international scale of "nuclear events" and posed no threat to staff or the environment. It was the latest in a long series of incidents at the plant, due to close

by the end of the century. "It's still not clear why this happened," Nosach said by telephone. Why does there have to be such a fuss about every little trivial occurrence? This can happen at any station, But we do understand that our station is viewed as a special one." Tetyana Yagish, a spokeswoman DUBLIN (Reuter) - EU Commission President Jacques Santer arrived in Dublin yesterday for the bandover of the European Union presidency and

some of the bloc's biggest headaches to one its smallest states. An EU war on drugs, crime and unemployment is expected to be the main focus of Ireland's stewardship of the EU over the

next six months, Irish officials Santer and the entire 20-person EU Commission came to Dublin for a state dinner bosted by Prime Minister John Bruton and

talks with officials. They arrived amid public outrage over the killing last week of crime journalist Veronica Guerin whose reporting uncovered drug barons and gangland godfathers operating in Ireland.

The Irish government wants member states to impose mandatory maximum sentences on convicted drug traffickers to sbow the crime overlords that they are united in the fight against a subculture which poisons youth and . perverts social values.

Santer, in an interview taped

before his arrival, said be hoped member states would agree to set a target to cut the EU's dole queue from 18 million at present.

"I would hope we could get it down to nine million by (the year) 2000," he told Irish radio. Ireland bas one of Europe's healthiest economic growth rates, averaging more than seven percent in recent years, but also one of the highest unemployment rates at around 13 percent.

The economy never went into recession when much of Europe did but despite bouyant growth dole quenes have remained stubbornly long and seemlingly impervious to investment.

Irisb officials bope to draft plans for summits in October and December to attack long-term unemployment with a retraining programme centred on the new bi-tech industry which the Dublin government bas succesfully attracted to its shores.

They are also charged with the day-to-day work of an Inter- . Governmental Conference preparing draft revisions to the founding treaties to streamline it for the next century and to take in further nations.

Ireland takes over Australia's Northern EU presidency Territory becomes first to okay euthanasia

DARWIN. Australia (Reuter) -The world's first law allowing voluntary cuthanasia came into force in Australia yesterday but dying patients may be forced to wait months before they can end their lives using lethal injections Australian authorities have

warned doctors they could face murder charges for belping patients die if legal and political challenges to the new law, which are unlikely to be resolved before the end of the year, are successful.

A coalition against enthanasia consisting of doctors, church and aboriginal leaders yesterday began a Supreme Court challenge in Darwin to the new law, arguing it exceeded the territory's powers and breached the constitution. The coalition's lawyer David

Jackson told the court the territory law contravened Australians' right

"Underlying the law lies a fun-damental right, principle, value or doctrine that there is sanctity of life or that there is an inalienable right to life," Jackson said.

Euthanasia opponents have warned they will appeal to Australia's highest court if necessary, in which case a final legal

decision was not expected until the end of the year.

The voluntary euthanasia law, condemned by Australia's political leaders, is also under threat from legislation due to be debated in the national parliament later this year.

Kevin Andrews, a federal parliamentarian with the ruling Liberal-National coalition, plans to introduce a bill in August to overturn retrospectively the voluntary euthanasia law.

He said doctors who helped patients die could be charged with murder if his bill was passed.

"In that case they ought to take careful consideration of their position," Andrews said. The national government has constitutional power over Australian territories.

The architect of the voluntary euthanasia law, former territory government leader Marsball Perron, said confusion over the legal position of doctors could see supportive doctors reluctant to assist terminal patients end their

Australian taxi driver Max Bell, 65, one of the first to try to use the law after moving to the territory. yesterday had bis doctor sign a voluntary euthanasia declaration.

'Plain English' applaud Clinton

LONDON (AP) - Step forward - award with our respect and regard President Clinton: exponent of

the art of plain speaking.

Britain's Plain English
Campaign said yesterday it has
awarded the US president a special prize for his "plain and effecnive" use of the language, particularly in speeches in Britain.

We were inundated with calls from supporters all over Britain after President Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland" late last year, campaign director Chrissie Maher

said yesterday.
"His plain and effective style of speaking moved people."

Maher said after monitoring the

president's speeches this year, the campaign concluded that "he speaks very well, very plainly and in the best tradition of American presidents."
"He received so many nomina-

tions that we created a new (award) category: Exceptional Plain English Communicator. We hope that he will accept this from the land of William Sbakespeare Churchill."

The campaign cited in particular a rousing address Clinton gave outside Belfast's town ball on November 30. Hopes for peace were high in Northern Ireland theo as IRA and Protestant "loyal-

ist" gunmen maintained a truce. Speaking beneath a giant Christmas tree, Clinton told an enthusiastic audience of both Catholics and Protestants, "You must say to those who still would use violence for political objectives. 'You are the past; your day

is over." "Violence has no place at the table of democracy and no role in the future of this land," he said. The campaign will hand the award, a diamond shaped glass tropby inscribed with the president's name, to a representative of the American Embassy in London on July 4, Maher said.



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Actor Alexei Soskov operates puppets of Alexander Lebed (center) and Russian President Boris Yeltsin (right). Both puppets are dressed as railway workers. Security Chief Lebed's new star status in Russian politics has been confirmed by the popular satirical 'Kukly' (puppets) television program which has promoted him from a supporting role into a leading actor.

Did Karadzic really turn over powers to his deputy?

SARAJEVO (AP) - The Bosuian Serb's Playsic's comments that Karadzic was still presi-Radovan Karadzic, indicted for war crimes, has bowed to international pressure to step aside. Or has he?

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Karadzic sent a letter to international mediators on Sunday declaring that was quitting his office. as Bosnian Serb president and handing his pow-

Though international officials insisted Karadzic was out Sunday, the hard-line deputy who assumed his post, Biljana Playsic, said Karadzicremained president - just without his powers. Hasan Muratovic, prime minister of Bosnia's.

Moslem-led government, Karadzic's enemy in the 31/2-year war, called the move a ruse. "He has not been replaced," Muratovic said. A new statement from the Bosnian Serbs yesterday reiterated that Karadzic had "handed over

ter on Sunday. Officials did not immediately offer reaction to the new statement, but anger had erupted in the office of Carl Bildt, the top international official for Bosnia's peace accord, in response to

What we have is not what we want, there must be action," said Bildt's deputy Michael Steiner. A senior official in Bildt's office, insisting on anonymity, said the Bosnian Serb leadership must now immediately complete Karadzic's removal from power or Bildt would call for either sanc-

tions against all Serbs or military action to remove Karadzic. The NATO peace force commander, US Adm. Leighton Smith, promised in a statement that his troops "will do everything" to help Bildt's office

to remove Karadzie. NATO spokesman Col. Charles-Henri de Noirmont underlined that NATO-led troops would only arrest indicted war criminals they encounter in the course of regular duties, not hunt

his powers" to Playsic, but stopped short of saying unequivocally that Kanadzic was no longer. The official from Bildt's office said, however,
the Bosujan Serb president Y 45 control of Paic, via increased ground paupis and remote
farther than what had been said in Kanadzic's letsurveillance, and thus prevent Kanadzic from The official from Bildt's office said, however, moving around until Bosnia's Sept. 14 elections.

There likely would not be any such action until after tomorrow when the presidential runoff is held in Russia - a traditional supporter of the Serbs. Russia requested the delay at last week's meeting of the world's seven richest nations, where Moscow supported a call for new sanctions if Karadzic did not quit.

Karadzic is regarded as a major impediment to Sept. 14 elections that foreign officials see as a key step in their effort to stitch Bosnia together.

It was clear that the international community has hard work ahead to finally cut the flamboyant leader off from his base of support and force him to answer war crimes charges before a UN tri-

Bildt said Sunday that based on Karadzic's letter, the Bosnian Serb leader "cannot exercise any public functions or public powers as president of Republika Srpska," the Serbs' self-proclaimed

Bildt said there were no conditions attached and that it is now illegal for any Bosnian Serb official to take orders from Karadzic.

He acknowledged that Karadzic would still exert influence, bot said it was a "losing bat-

Karadzic is prohibited from holding office by the 1995 Dayton accord, and the pressure on him to quit has grown steadily for weeks. Bildt had threatened to seek reimposed economic sanctions against Bosnian Serbs and Serhia if Karadzic did not step down.

Officials dismiss Yeltsin health concerns

SPEAKING to voters for the first time in a week, Boris Yeltsin urged his nation yesterday to choose freedom in a crucial presidential runoff two days away - as officials sought to dispel concerns about the presi-

"We have one Russia, one future, one path to normal life," a tired but firm-speaking Yeltsin said in a televised appeal. "Vote for the new Russia! Only together we shall

The speech came on the last day campaigning is allowed before tomorrow's vote pitting Yeltsin against Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov. You will vote not only for

Yeltsin or Zyuganov," the president said. "You will vote for yourself, your family, the future of your chil-

Yeltsin's campaign has been somewhat marred by a revival of old worries about his health and fitness for a second term.

The 65-year-old Yeltsin, who has a history of heart trouble, canceled a string of recent appearances and trips, including a Kremlin meeting yesterday with the presidents of Ukraine and Moldova

In Washington the White House said yesterday it had no indications from Russian officials that Russian President Boris Yeltsin was suffering from anything more serious than a sore throat.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the US government had contacts with Russian officials through the US embassy in

MOSCOW

Moscow, and "privately they're telling us the same thing they're saying publicly ... (that Yeltsin has) laryngitis, is resting, looking forward to getting back to work soon."

McCurry noted this was the same thing that Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin had told President Bill Clinton on Saturday in Lyon, France, where they were attending an economic summit.

McCurry said he was not aware of any "direct communication" between US officials and Yelisin in recent days.

Ukrainian Embassy spokesman said the Russian side canceled the meeting Sunday. A Yeltsin spokesman, Pyotr Tarasov, said it was delayed "by mutual agreement."

Yeltsin kept up a busy campaign schedule before the first election round June 16. He jetted around the country, waded into crowds, visited mines and factories, danced at rock

concerts. But a week ago, Yeltsin abruptly canceled a short campaign journey, then a planned trip to the G-7 summit in France, where he sent Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, The president did not anend a meeting with farmers last Friday and missed a festival in Moscow on

Sunday. He did tape his appeal yesterday, according to officials, and held meetings at his country residence with Chernomyrdin and the national security adviser, Alexander

Lebed. Russian TV reports showed a slightly pale Yehsin discussing elections with the premier.

"Elections are the main thing now." Yeltsin said. The decisive

moment is coming for all of us." Chemomyrdin, who would take over should the president be incapacitated, said Yeltsin was recovering from a cold. Aides have insisted the president merely lost his

voice giving too many interviews. Asked at a news conference if Yeltsin suffered another bout of the heart ailment that landed him in hospital twice last year, Chemomyrdin laughed: "When we met he shook my hand so strongly all doubts disappeared."

Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, a powerful Yeltsin ally, said the presidem was 'in working condition and holding meetings of his election staff."

Yeltsin's lack of visible activity following a whirlwind campaign has sent tremors through Russia's fragile stock market, but its concrete impact on his re-election chances remained unclear.

Russia's major networks and newspapers, solidly pro-Yeltsin, have largely ignored or dismissed new speculation about his health, and many voters across the country are likely unaware of it altogether.

Still, campaign manager Sergei Filatov said advisers "musi have made a mistake by not telling the president to appear in public and at least wave his hand to the people to exclude rumors about his ill-

Hong Kong democrats barred from China

HONG KONG (Reuter) - Hong Kong's final year as a British colony got off to a bitter start yesterday when China ejected eight Hong Kong Chinese politicians

from Beijing and confiscated their travel documents. The group flew to Beijing to petition China not to scrap their legislature after London returns the terri-

The eight, led by Democratic Party legislator Andrew Cheng, said Chinese security men scanned a three-page blacklist of Hong Kong undesirables after they landed in Beijing on a Dragonair flight from the colony yesterday.

The politicians carried a petition signed by 60,000 Hong Kong people asking China to jettison its plan to appoint a provisional legislature to replace the elected-Legislative Council when Beijing takes back Hong Kong next July 1.

Chinese security personnel entered the plane on the tarmac at Beijing airport and the acrivists were not allowed off.

Legislator Tsang Kin-shing said he was pained at being harred from a land that he said be regarded as home and by the confiscation of the "return home" permits that allow Hong Kong Chinese routinely to enter mainland China.

"We are in a state of shock that there really is a blacklist - three pages long - with the names mostly of democrats ... It is a lie when they say there is no blacklist," Tsang said.

One of China's top Hong Kong officials, Zhang Junsheog, said the "troublemakers" had been warned they would not be let in.

"They forced their way to make a spectacle. This will not be tolerated," Zhang told reporters. "They

are deliberately provocative," he said.

Democratic Party leader Martin Lee, who did not attempt the journey, criticised China's reaction. "Chinese leaders are not interested to hear from

Hong Kong people anything other than what they want to hear," Lee said. "What the Chinese authorities did today destroys

the spirit of the 'one country, two systems' idea and has shattered our dream of a democratic Hong Kong after the handover," Cheng said. The foiled activists said some of the security men

stood at the door of the plane bearing rifles while Friends and relatives welcomed home the abortive

mission at Hong Kong airport with flowers and tears. Beijing has promised Hong Kong great autonomy after 1997 and pledged that the capitalist outpost of 6.2 million people can coexist with socialist China. But many in Hong Kong are sceptical and fear repressive rule.

As the one-year countdown began, politicians sent out mixed signals of faith and gloom. Chinese leaders issued assurances that virtually nothing would change except the flag.

Hundreds of pro-democracy protesters and demonstators sympathetic towards Beijing held rival rallies without clashes over the weekend to mark the 365-

British politicians set election strategy

LONDON (Reuter) - The tempo of British politics suddenly quickened . yesterday as the ruling Conservative party settled on a strategy for the general election and its Labor foes put the finishing touches to their basic policy prospectus.

As a result, the main battle lines are now drawn for what promises to be a long, drawn-out election campaign.

Although Prime Minister John Major's grip on power is fragile, with an overall minority in parliament of just one, he told a political session of his cabinet that he intended to delay the election until close to the legal deadline of May

"The prime minister said it was still his firm intention to go the distance nil next May," a

Conservative official said. Major wants to put off the poll as long as possible in the hope that a growing economy will help to win back voters who deserted the Conservatives because of their divisions over Europe, reputation for sleaze and broken promises on

Ministers were in what the official called a "very, very good upbeat mood" yesterday because of growing dissent in Labor ranks, clear evidence of a recovery in living standards and an upturn in recent opinion polls.

The two most recent national opinion polls showed that the Conservatives, in power since 1979, had narrowed Labor's lead to around 20 percent from 25-30 earlier this year.

"There's still plenty of time," the party aide said.

The main business of the political cabinet was to endorse a definitive strategy for countering Labor, which has claimed the centre ground of British politics since Blair became leader two years ago and promptly ditched its old-style socialist policies.

Conservative strategists admitted they had failed so far to hurt Labor because they had sent mixed-up messages.

"If the Labor party is this far ahead in the polls, this is palpably the case," one said.

Paris mayor in new scandal

PARIS (AP) - France's latest political scandal heated vesterday when the mayor of Paris angrily said he'll file a hreach of privacy complaint for

leaks in a housing probe that targeted him: The Paris prosecutor's office suddenly closed the case against Mayor Jean Tiberi over the weekend. A close ally of President Jacques Chirac, Tiberi was being investigated for using public funds to renovate a city-owned apartment for his son.

But the affair - the latest in a series of housing scandais to dog top conservatives - continues to be the talk of the town. Opponents of the conservative ruling party are crying coverup, saying the real scandal is that the case was closed.

It was set aside a day after the Paris daily Le Monde revealed that anti-fraud police had been ordered not to aid the judge handling the inquiry when he went to search Tiberi's apartment. Opposition Socialists and others have accused

French Justice Minister Jacques Toubon of personally influencing the prosecutor to close the case. Toubon denies it and said he had "no part" in the

Emboldened by the prosecutor's decision to drop the probe, Tiberi said he would file a general breach of privacy complaint with the Paris tribunal over leaks to the press of details of the case.

me, my honor and my rights," he told a news conference, denouncing the affair as "a political slan-

detractors," said, lashing out at what he called "the multiplication of lies, allegations and accusations

lost to Chirac in last year's elections, cried scan-

Jospin called the closing of the case "a serious threat to the right, one that the citizens will judge in 1998" in legislative elections.

decision. "Is it Necessary to Close Toubon?" the leftist daily 'Liberation headlined yesterday over a large photo of the justice minister.

"I'm a citizen, too, and I want them to respect

"These accusations exist only in the minds of my

But Lionel Jospin, a Socialist Party leader who

tapper and union leader who sym-

Killer of Amazon hero arrested

SAO PAULO (AP) - The man who ordered the 1988 killing of renowned Amazon defender Chico Mendes has been arrested after more than three years on the run, the federal police said yesterday.

Cattle Rancher Darly Alves da Silva was arrested near the remote Amazon jungle town of Medicilandia, about 2,000 km oorth of Sao Paulo.

Da Silva was sentenced in Dec. 1990 to 19 years in jail for ordering the slaving of Mendes, a rubber

bolized the save-the-rain-forest movement. Da Silva's son, Darci Alves Pereira, received the same sentence for the actual shooting.

After serving two years in jail, da Silva and his son escaped from the Penitentiary of Rio Branco in the state of Acre, reportedly with the help of prison guards.

News reports said Da Silva hid out in Bolivia and in the state of Para, where he was recaptured, living on property used by the government for its land reform pro-

Da Silva's son, who traveled to the state of Espirito Santo to sell

cocoa, is still at large. "We've been trailing the two for the past 50 days, but unfortunately we closed in on the ranch, (and) Darci was no longer there," federal police inspector Daniel Sampaio, told the O Globo newspaper. Shortly after his recapture da to

Silva was flown to Brasilia "to 6

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Four women killed by car chased by police

ALORTON, Illimois (AP) - A speeding car being chased by police for a traffic violation slammed into two other vehicles in a residential area and killed four women driving

home from church. Both men in the fleeing car also died. The pursuing officer acted in accordance with department rules, said Curtis McCall, police chief in nearby

Centreville.

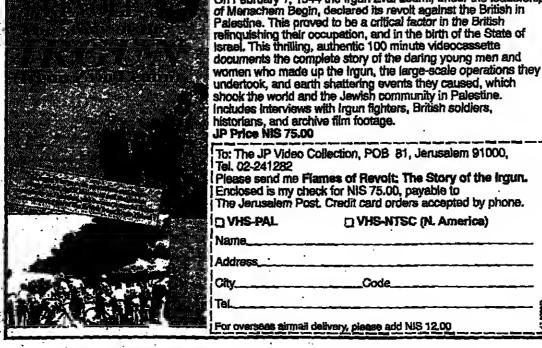
Relatives of the victims, however, were sharply critical. "The police were negligent," Lavon Peals said. "My mother was killed over a damn traffic

stop."
McCall said Sgt. Robert Stadier stopped a car in Centreville after clocking it at 90 kph in a 55 kph zone. The driver stopped, but then sped

the speeding car slammed into two cars, one of them driven by Peals' mother, Clementine Peals, 66.

Mrs. Peals was killed, as were were Bessie L. Bynum, 81; Delores Martin, 72; and Dorothy Hopkins, 41, all of East St. Louis. Stadler, 53, has been on the

force for 28 years. "Believe me," said McCall, "he feels off and Stadler pursued. terrible about this." About 2 km away in Alorton, FLAMES OF REVOLT On February 1, 1944 the Iroun Zvai Leumi, under the leadership

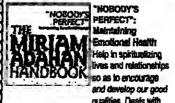


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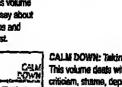
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Immune systems

DLAIN speaking is all too often a rare commodity among lawyers, but State Attorney Edna Arbei showed on Sunday she can be refreshingly blunt when need be. In her first meeting with reporters since taking office six months ago, she said the state should again try to lift Shas MK Raphael Pinhasi's Knesset immunity. "We certainly don't think the Knesset should he a city of refuge for people with indictments pending against them," Arbel

She also admitted that the State Attorney's Office was in "a delicate and difficult position" given the preliminary police investigation into Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, over allegations that Ne'eman, four years ago, tried to intimidate a witness in the trial of Shas MK Aryeh Deri. Ne'eman did not make life easier for the state attorney when he claimed this allegation had been dredged up because the office did not want an observant Jew at the helm. It is imperative for the smooth running of the country's judicial system that the police finish their investigation into Ne'eman as quickly, and as thoroughly, as possible.

The decision to indict Pinhasi was taken by then-attorney-general Yosef Harish in 1993 for tax fraud and violations of the Party Funding Law. Pinhasi is suspected of illegally hiring yeshiva students - who are banned from working because they receive draft deferments during Shas's 1988 election campaign. The indictment adds that Pinhasi failed to report this to the tax authorities and allegedly submitted a false set of books to the state comptroller.

As Harish said at the time, parliamentary immunity exists to enable MKs to speak and vote without fear or hindrance, and to facilitate

the smooth operation of the democratic process. It does not exist, for example, to hide records from the army or the tax authorities. But, in July 1993, in a shocking display of political cynicism, the Knesset plenum voted 54-50 not to remove Pinhasi's immunity. Coalition considerations, not ethics, played a major role in deciding which way MKs voted.

Arbel is to be praised for acting on the Movement for Quality Government's request to reopen the Pinhasi case, although the final decision as to whether to request the lifting of Pinhasi's immunity lies with Attorney-General Michael Ben Ya'ir. Should he decide to go ahead with the request, Ben-Ya'ir will find a number of hurdles in his way, the first being Pinhasi himself.

Although Pinhasi cannot be branded a criminal - given that he has successfully avoided standing trial, he has no convictions against him the fact that he has an indictment pending should have been enough to disqualify him from sensitive, parliamentary posts. Instead, Shas decided to name him as their candidate to chair the Knesset House Committee, one of the committee chairmanships given them in the coalition negotiations.

Among other things, this committee handles requests from the attorney-general for the removal of Knesset members' parliamentary immunity. While there can he no doubt that Pinhasi would suspend himself from chairing any meeting concerning his case, there is still the fear that coalition considerations (the Knesset House Committee is a vital tool in ensuring the smooth running of government-proposed legislation) would once again override the moral aspect of the case.

Reform -protest

amended" is a simple falsehood. On

the contrary, Arafat declared in his

letter that all provisions of the cove-

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The Israeli government, however,

was not content until Arafat had

assembled the more than 600 mem-

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Katz falsely writes, "would be

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Arafat, therefore, lifted much

more than a "finger." The fact that

at each stage he went further was

due, of course, to the insistence of

the Israeli government presumably

I cannot understand why Yisrael

Medad did not understand these ele-

mentary facts, but there is some

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covenant is not superfluous. What

exactly was its validity, in practice,

Perhaps Professor Yebosbua

Porat will tell us: Did any of Ara-

fat's many opponents in the PLO

appeal to some kind of PLO High Court (is there one?) against his fla-

grant violations of the covenant in the last decade? Did any prospective

Hamas suicide bomber say: "It's all

right for me to do this; it says so in

Article so-and-so of the covenant"?

MISHA LOUVISH

before it was amended?

in order to satisfy public opinion.

sions inconsistent with it.

inoperative and no longer valid."

THE Reform movement's unease with the power of the religious parties in the new government is understandable. But on a visit to Israel this week, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, president of the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College, went beyond the bounds within which such displeasure is usually expressed. During an interview, he stated that American leaders of the Reform movement had refused to sign a general statement of support for the new government drafted by officials of the UJA and the Jewish federations.

This refusal to sign an innocuous message is surprising because it represents a break with the long-standing tradition that the American Jewish community supports the Israeli government in public, whatever their disagreements in private. More galling is that fact that Zimmerman is seemingly trying to dictate what laws Israel's democratically elected Knesset may pass. Zimmerman is annoyed by the religious parties' desire to pass legislation which would deny recognition to Reform and Conservative conversions performed in Israel. The Reform movement, he said, is worried that the new

Sir, - "Klotzkashe" is the Yid-

dish for a question so silly that it's

hard to find a sensible answer. Most

of Yisrael Medad's klotzkashes

(Letters, June 21) reflect the Israeli

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and called for peace negotiations

with Israel on the basis of Israeli

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despite its aggressive language, vio-

lated the fundamental principles of

the covenant, which denied Israel's

right to exist in any boundaries and

called for its destruction by armed

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE COVENANT

government will erode the rights granted the non-Orthodox by the High Court of Justice.

In fact, the High Court never actually recognized non-Orthodox conversions. In a ruling last summer, the court said the state's justification for not recognizing these conversions was invalid, but deliberately stopped short of declaring the conversions valid. Instead, it suggested that the Knesset state its opinion on the issue via legislation - which is what the new government intends to do.

Diaspora Jews have every right to lobby both the Israeli people and the Israeli government. However, trying to bully Israel's legislature is hardly a way to win sympathy for their cause. If American Jews truly want to influence the treatment of the Reform and Conservative movements here, there is ultimately only one solution: Large-scale immigration. Currently, these movements represent about 1.5% of Israel's population, compared to some 20% for the Orthodox. As in any democracy, there is no doubt that were their numbers to grow, then so would their influence, making the refusal to sign a message of support unnecessary.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Dr. Orit Tamir's letter, "Absentee

Ballots" (J.P., June 18).

Sir. - I am writing in support of

Unfortunately, when the Knesset

Law Committee worked on election

reform and, later when the matter

was taken up by the entire parlia-

ment, the matter of permitting Israe-

li citizens abroad to participate in all

national elections was never

To date, few in the Knesset have

much interest or concern for the

many yordim ontside the geographi-

cal boundaries of the Jewish State.

If Israel wants to be considered a

democracy in the modern world, the

new Netanyahu administration

ought to emulate the United States,

United Kingdom, France and South

Africa, to name a few among other

Western democracies, by granting

its citizens residing abroad their

with the American absentee ballot

process and personally responsible

for legislation ensuring that all who

want to vote in absentia will be able

to, I suggest that among new statutes

regarding election reform in Israel.

the government enact provisions for

all Israelis abroad to participate in all state elections, by having them

request and obtain an absentee ballot

by post, E-mail, fax or at their near-

est Israeli consulate, at least 60 days

before any general election. Com-

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to be turned in at any Israeli consul-

ate and forwarded via the diplomatic

pouch, or accepted directly by the

Central Elections Committee, no lat-

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The only way Israelis abroad can

ever hope to gain their rightful fran-

chise is if they petition their govern-

_ DAVID FROEHLICH

Having been intimately involved

rightful franchise.



One goal, two heads

VERY Knesset has its odd couples who get together to work for a political goal. In the 12th Knesset it was Yossi

(Citizens Rights Movement) and Benny Begin (Likud). In the 13th it was Dedi Zucker (Meretz) and Dan Meridor (Likud). In this Knesset it is the new Likud chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Uzi Landau, and Labor's Yossi Beilin.

The issue that bas brought them together is the direct election of the premier. Both want to abolish the new system, and have jointly tabled a hill to this effect.

The election results - naturally more pleasing to Landau than to Beilin - weren't the reason for the duo's initiative, even though the results bore out their main arguments against the system.

The two had already called for the cancellation of the law during the 13th Knesset, arguing that hy its adoption the legislature would be excessively weakened vis-avis the head of the executive branch, and the two large parties vis-a-vis the smaller ones.

, While signs of the first problem are yet to unfold fully, signs of the exact opposite. the second are already clearly visible.

There is no doubt that the two major parties were greatly weakened by the election campaign's and Netanyahu, rather than on the differences in ideology and approach between them; and by the fact that voters could separate their choice of prime minister from their choice of party.

One might add that the two parties were also weakened by the introduction of the primaries system in both. This loosened the bond between the parties and their

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

elected (or prospective) represen-tatives, while reducing party discipline on all levels.

What's so terrible about that? one might ask. Isn't it better that representatives should owe their allegiance to their voters rather than their parties?

The answer is very clear: The main goal of most seekers of electoral and constitutional reform in Israel (and they have been the strongest supporters of both the primaries system and direct elec-

The latest Knesset 'odd couple': Landau & Beilin

tion) has always been to move Israel toward a two-party system, giving it more stable and coherent governments and reducing the blackmailing power of the small parties.

THE NEW system has achieved,

Ever since the political alignments around Mapai and the Herut Movement began to crystallize in the period before the elections to the Sixth Knesset in 1965 (when the Alignment and Gahal, forerunners of the Labor and Likud parties were established), there has never been a Knesset in which the two large parties had so few seats between them - 66 seats in the 14th Knesset, compared to 95 in the 10th. Also, there has never been a coalition in Israel in which the smaller parties got so much, even though most of them had a vested

interest in this particular coalin on being formed.

The strengthening of the small parties isn't just a function of Binyamin Netanyahu's excessive haste in forming his government (and possibly his wish to settle accounts with the Likud "princes"

and the old party apparatus).
As mentioned above, the small parties greatly benefited from the option of split voting. The result: an underscoring of all our various social divides - religious/secular, Ashkenazi/Sephardi, Jewish/Arab, new immigrant/veteran. There will now doubtless be a retreat in the battle for overall constitutional. social and economic reform in favor of sectoral interests.

What Landau and Beilin aspire to is a system in which the leader of the largest party gets called upon by the president to form a new government after elections. While it is too early to tell whether they have any chance of achieving their common goal, at least three factors will be working against them:

 Binyamin Netanyahu will fight them to the hitter end, and the future contenders for the Labor Party leadership might side vi with him.

• Most of the small parties are well content with the new system. which has operated to their bene-

· The new chairman of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee which will he in charge of preparing the proposed hill for preliminary reading in the Knesset plenary is the National Religious Party's Shaul Yahalom - and he is unlikely to pursue the task with any enthusiasm.

The writer is a political scien-

had been cast under the Landau-

Beilin system. Shimon Peres

would be our leader today. The

right wing was the larger bloc, hut

Not that the votes would have

come in the same under Landau-

As the two MKs know, if the

premiership were decided exclu-

sively by the race between the big

parties, we would tend to vote for

A strong Meretz showing, after

all, would profit the leftists little

under a Likud prime minister. And

nothing would unite the right

wing under the Likud like the

threat of another Shimon Peres as

Far from being a return to the

old system, what's being proposed

is essentially a new two-party sys-

tem, with other parties finding

support only from those who don't

care who the prime minister is, or

at times when the job is not seri-

Olympic parade. Large and small

delegations marched with equal

Under Landau-Beilin, in con-

trast, the whole Knesset campaign

would amount to a fight to see

which of two parties shoves the

other to the margins, just as the

first personal campaign for prime

minister was a single, ugly, sweaty

bout of sumo wrestling. A one-on-

The writer is a Herzliya-based

pride, each under its own flag.

The old system was like an

one of those parties.

the largest party was Labor.

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Natshe's nerve

YOSEF GOELL

MAGINE bow the world would react were Jerusalem's mayor or Israel's premier to tell Moslems: "We will permit you to visit the Temple Mount, but not to pray there. After all, it is the site of the ancient Jewish Temple and thus a Jewish holy place."

There would be a storm of worldwide protest and threat, even Moslem attempts to launch an anti-Israel jihad.

Of course no Israeli leader has ever even contemplated saying such a thing. But its equivalent is exactly what Palestinian Mayor Mustafa Natshe replied to a question I asked him on a press tour of Hebron a week ago.

The purpose of the tour was to persuade Israeli journalists of Palestinian Hebronites' profound suffering following the government's failure to redeploy the IDF out of the city.

I asked the mayor to assume that the army had been rede-ployed in line with the Palestinian Authority's demands. Could he and the PA guarantee that religious Israeli Jews could continue worshipping at the Machpela Cave?

The reputed burial site of the Jewish patriarchs and matriarchsis also revered by Moslems, and the edifice over the site has long served as a mosque. Replied Natshe: "We will permit the Jews to visit the Machpela, but not to pray there. This is a Moslem

Well, if this attitude continues to typify the Palestinian leadership there is little chance of any viable compromise between Israel and the Palestinians in Hebron or anywhere else getting

off the ground.
Secular people like myself might believe that the worship of stones, holy edifices, cities and holy men is a throwback to ancient idol worship. Many devoutly religious people don't go so far. But the sorry truth is that there are many times more "latter-day idolators" in Rome, Mecca, Jerusalem, Hehron, Ayodhiya, India and elsewhere than agnostics and atheists.

Only when we bow to the reality of hundreds of millions of people-worldwide being periodically driven to the most outrageous acts of savagery because of reverence for their exclusive holy places can we begin to fathom the task of working out viable compromises in places like Jerusalem and Hebron.

If we have no choice but to accept the sorry reality of religious fanaticism, why should we accept it for Moslems but not for Jews? Jews have as much right to worship in the Machpela Cave in Hebron which was conquered hy Moslem Arab invaders 1,400 years ago as Moslems have to worship on the Temple Mount of Jerusalem which was reconquered hy Israelis 29 years ago.

Hehron, they say, will be Prime Minister Netanyahu's first testing ground. As such it is important that he use it to impress upon Arafat and the Palestinians that a peace agreement can only work as a two-way street.

One of the main reasons a majority of Israelis voted not so much for Bibi but clearly against Peres and his Labor-Meretz-Arab coalition was their perception that under the Peres government peace was a one-way deal: Israel gave and the Palestinians took.

There is room for compromise with the Palestinians, but only on a basis of reciprocity and the meticulous honoring of agreements.

THE Hebronites' main problem isn't the inconvenience the IDF's presence causes Palestinian merchants in the vegetable market or at the checkpoints in Shuhada Street. It's the provocative presence of the 400 or so Israeli settlers in their midst.

Given their history of racist anti-Arab provocation their presence in the heart of Arab Hebron is equivalent to a Ku Klux Klan settlement in the heart of Harlem.

The settlers should never have been permitted to insinuate their way into Hehron, and their forcible evacuation could form part of a painful but reasonable compromise - which must, however, entail Palestinian recogninon, in theory and practice, of the Jewisb right of worship in part of the Machpela Cave. Difficult for Arafat, you say?

Let's go back to the Jerusalem

All Israeli governments since 1967 have consistently denied Jews worship rights on the Temple Mount (developing the Western Wall as an alternative holy site) to keep friction with the Moslems to an absolute minimum. That was no less difficult for Israeli political leaders than what we must now demand from

The writer comments on current affairs.

If you don't like the rules... MAGINE if after the Olympics MARK L. LEVINSON

the hig countries were to Ldeclare a crisis because in their opinion the small countries had won too many medals.

Imagine a demand to change the rules in order to guarantee that the big countries would be the big

Too blatantly unfair to happen in amateur sport? Not in professional politics. The hig Israeli parties, shocked at the voters' turn against them in the last elections, are calling for changes that would make our democratic disapproval of

them less effective. Already the rules penalize small parties for being small. The threshold percentage means you can't claim your first seat in the Knesset without having 80 percent of the votes for a second one.

That's like the Olympic Committee saying to a country: Unless you can get at least s silver medal as well, your gold medal doesn't count.

Because of the threshold percentage and its discouraging influence, we scarcely have truly small parties in Israel. Only Moledet has fewer than four seats. Faced hy such imposing num-

bers as the quorum of Shasniks and the seven Sharanskyites, you might think that a canny big-party establishment would encourage them to splinter in the next elections. You'd think the establisbment now would encourage oneseat and two-seat parties, which could more easily be swapped into or out of the government at will. POSTSCRIPT

SNOWSHOES DESIGNED for

national park between the Flori-

"When people first see us get

Florida for park rangers.

da Keys and Miami.

But the big parties want more: They want those seats for themselves. Accordingly, Uzi Landau and Yossi Beilin have floated the idea of handing the Prime Minister's Office to whatever party wins the most votes. On June 26 The Jerusalem Post's reporter airily called this "basically the old system," but it is decisively different.

Under the old system, the president gave the job of forming a government to the party most likely to succeed.

wouldn't tolerate apparently can

"The President has always chosen the largest party," Labor would remind us in its old campaign ads, and truthfully. "But that's not the point; it's the largest bloc that counts, not the largest party," Meretz would say, also truthfully.

At prime-minister level, a vote for Meretz was as good as a vote for Labor, and a vote for Moledet was as good as Likud.

change that.

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Snowshoes are also used by rangers in nearby Everglades National Park for wading through

ed gear prevents damage to delicate seagrass, which acts as a filter for the bay by trapping sediment, and is a nursery for tiny marine life.

there," said Pharo. "With snowshoes, you stay on top and don't damage the grass. It just bends

SHOOT DOWN Sir, - When Gaddafi flouted the UN embargo by flying to the Arab summit in Cairo, the UN had the right and obligation to use this gold-

What is the sense of an embargo if it is not enforced?

Terusalem.

DR. JACOB ROSIN

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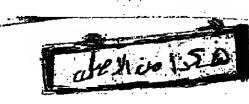
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LANDAU and Beilin want to If, for example, this year's votes

The showshoes are used to keep the rangers' feet from sinking into the silty bottom of the

Florida Bay. David Pharo, a park ranger at Biscayne Bay, said the web-foot-

"You can sink to your waist out over and comes right back up."





Bryan waves bye to street cred

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18 TIL I DIE

Bryan Adams (Helicon)
THIS offering is the nadir of a career that has seen many high and low points. If it's true that Bryan Adams has always been considered a poor man's Bruce Springsteen, then it's time to update that theory. The man has lost whatever he had and is now poverty-stricken.

There was a time in the mid '80s when hearing a Bryan Adams tune on the radio was a pleasure, albeit a small one. Workmanlike rock 'u' roll performed in an earnest, gruff-voiced manner was his trademark, and the results made him sound like Bob Seger's

unimaginative, yet likable cousin. Adams hit it hig in the pop-ballad market with a string of hits that would have made the likes of Air Supply blush in their greetingcard sentiments.

The two divergeot styles. raunchy rockers and mushy ballads, have reached their extreme. on 18 Til I Die to the point where Adams sounds like a parody of

The rockers, including the title song, "The Only Thing That Looks Good on Me is You" and



Adams manages only two moods: mush and raunch. His versions of both are an ad man's dream.

Underwear," sound like a corporate advertiser's vision of a rock song - cliched riffs, mane lyrics. but catchy hooks that linger.

Sample lyrics: "Don't worry about the future/forget about the past/gonna have a ball, ya/ we're gonna have

a blast." The ballads, of which the hit 'Have You ever Loved a Woman" (from the Don Juan De Marco sound track) is the best, drip with san, although technically they are perfectly crafted.

Not only are the sudden shifts from the romance-filled ballads to the lust-filled rockers jarring, but they signal a calculated dishonesty and crase whatever credibility Adams had to begin with.

RECURRING DREAMS Crowded House - The Very Best of (NMC)

This greatest-hits compilation sounds like the solo album Paul McCartney has never made.

One of the best and most underappreciated bands of the last ecade, Crowded House is the brainchild of New Zealander Neil Finn who, along with his brother Tim, led the band Split Enz from the mid '70s to the mid '80s.

Crowded House curbed Split Enz's arty pretensions and focused on Finn's instinctive ability to write precise pop songs that contained depth and emotion. Gorgeous melodies, superb harmonies and an infectious spirit permeate these 19 tracks culled from the band's four albums.

If you've never heard the band, this is the place to start. As the liner notes by one Peter Paphides say: "If there's one thing that delights me more than hearing these songs, it's the thought that someone somewhere will be play-

ing them for the very first time."
The accompanying bonus CD of 15 previously unreleased live tracks is less satisfying. Indicating that Crowded House's strength was in the studio, Firm's songs are pitted against suffocating synthesized keyboards and a rather lackluster delivery which threaten to turn the music into anonymous arena-rock. Luckily, the songs are so strong, they win the battle.

Paperback Writer

Yarden Uriel's excellent Hebrewlanguage history of the Beatles, The Way Up has just been published covering the years 1961-1962... Great rare pictures, indepth research and a large-print format make this a must for the serious Beatles fan.

(Ten essential David Bowie songs)

I. Heroes 2. Space Oddity 3. Suffragette City 4. Ziggy Stardust 5. Lady Stardust 6. Changes 7. Rebel Rebel

8. Young Americans 9. All the Young Dudes

Lahti steps up to the table on 'Chicago Hope'

JUDITH MICHAELSON

TTTING on her sprawling back lawn because the house She just moved into is suffused with the smell of fresh paint, actress Christine Lahu is the picture of contentment

Her large black labrador is snoozing nearby, the three-yearold twins are asleep upstairs, a gurgling pond forms a backdrop to conversation, and soon a car will come to whisk her to the set of Chicago Hope, where she plays Dr. Kathryn Austin, the dynamic new heart surgeon and a vital addition to a changing cast.

(The series begins its second local season on Channel 2, tomor-

row at 9:30 p.m.) With the recent departure of Mandy Patinkin - whose portray-al of the brilliant but increasingly unglued Dr. Jeffrey Geiger won

him a hest-actor Emmy in September - Lahti moves to cen-Suddenly in TV medical dramas, it's the time for women doctors. And not just any female

physician wearing a stethoscope, but female doctors in power. While ER recently placed a new chief resident (Laura Innes as Dr. Kerry Weaver) among its gaggle of hunks, Chicago Hope has raised the profile a notch higher with a physician who maneuvers as smoothly at the operating table as she does at the poker table.

"I'm almost positive I will become head cardiac surgeon," Lahti says of her character. "And I hope to become chief of surgery: the whole shebang. ." Which apparently is very rare. First of all, that there is a woman cardiac surgeon, and second, that she would become chief of surgery.

"So that's really going to bust up the boys' club," she says, grinning. And, of course, set up some delicious dramatic possibilities, particularly when romance looms with neurosurgeon Aaron Shutt (Adam Arkin).

A surgeon's daughter with the long, tapered fingers of a surgeon, Lahti looks the part. But unlike her character, who "hasn't learned to really prioritize," Lahti says that with lots of therapy, she has learned how to juggle family needs with career ambitions. She is married to director Thomas Schlamme, and they bave an cight-year-old son in addition to the twins.

Before I got married and had kids," she says, "if I didn't work, I didn't know who I was."

actress's fone has been theater and character-driven parts in movies such as Swing Shift (1984), as Goldie Hawn's spunky girlfriend: Housekeeping (1987), as the eccentric aunt, and Running on Empry (1988), as a mother who had a radical underground past. But she went after the TV role aggressively.

As series creator David E. Kelley explained: "She came in and said, 'You need me. I'm it, take me.' And we said OK.
"We knew that Mandy was leav-

ing eventually and we would probably add somebody." Kelley said, "but we didn't know whether it would be man or woman, heart surgeon or ophthalmologist.

Christine then called and cleared it all up for us. She seemed to have all the ingredients you look for in a lead character. She exudes power."

Although Schlamme directed two episodes of Chicago Hope last season, Lahii heard about Patinkin's plans from best girlfriend" Jessie Nelson, writerdirector of Corrina, Corrina and a close friend and writing partner of Patinkin's wife.

"I had mentioned that if I was ever to do a series, it would be working with someone like David Kelley in a part like Mandy Patinkin's," Lahti recalled. So when Nelson phoned, saying, "I have a brainstorm: Why don't you replace Mandy?"

Lahti decided to go for the role on the spot.

"I'm reading all these really mediocre feature-film scripts. I do plays, but I can't really make a good living doing that. So what am I being snobbish about televi-sion for?" she reasoned. "Now suddenly the writing on television is so far superior in certain cases to much of the feature-film stuff."

After seeing herself in Hideaway, a movie in which she played yet another of those "earnest mom" roles that tend to be offered actresses over 35. Lahti

was, in a sense, prepped for TV. "At the time, I needed to get back to work. I had just had the twins. I needed to make some money, so I'm glad I did it. But I thought, 'I'm being wasted and I don't want to do that anymore.' I'm at my prime creatively, and suddenly I'm in an industry where I'm supposed to be invisible. Or less valuable. When I feel I'm at the peak. My

Getting less, and more, than you bartered for METANA'S The Bartered parachuted into this performance the one that she happens to be CONCERT ROUNDUP

Bride is a light, funny, and occasionally tragic comic opera. Inspired by Bohemian or ersatz folk tunes, it is neither profound nor allegoric. Nor can it be . were immensely pleasing on their interpreted as a psychological

difficult to understand why director Paul McCaffery decided to. turn the revival of this opera into such a gloomy event. Most of the characters are clad

in black and presented as foreboding, surrealistic silhouettes. Liat Dror and Nir Ben Gal's choreography expresses dooms-

However, while this reviewer doesn't like what the director and choreographers have done, it must be said that they have done it brilliantly.

The Bartered Bride is actually one of the NIO's most professional productions. We can hardly imagine a better cast and a better quartet of principals - soprano Marina Levitt as Marenka, tenor Valentin Prolat as Jonik, bass Tamas Szuele as Kecal the marriage broker, and tenor Harry Nicoll as Vasek.

The four acted and sang marvelously. They all identified with their parts and therefore achieved the supreme goal of modern opera: the complete oneness of singer and actor. Czech diction was perfect (kndos to language coach Irma Bendersky) and the chorus sounded more determined and stouter than ever.

The dances, though seemingly

arbitrarily, were extremely impressive. The sets - even though they served purposes for which they were not designed own. And a ical surprise were the charming lighting effects by Avi

Conductor Mark Ermler remained mainly in the back-Ermler " ground, never imprinting his personality on the performance. The outstanding musicality with which the singers tackled their parts may have been more the result of Susana Lemberskaya's preparation work.

Nevertheless, the orchestra, despite the conductor's refusal to involve himself more actively, performed well, although there were a few incidents when conductor and singers completely lost contact.

Ermleris a versed pit conductor but not the kind of operatic conductor who, nowadays, together with the director, actually decides the fate of the production.

Tel Aviv Performing Arts: Center, June 22. Benjamin Bar-Am

THE major music event in Jerusalem last week was the performance of Schubert's Mass No. 6, one of his most grandiose yet intimate (and therefore profoundly moving) works, hy the Beersheba Simfonietta, conducted by Uri Mayer.

This very personal expression of faith was performed together with the Tel Aviv Philharmonic

Choir and the soloist singers Arlanna Zuckerman, Galina Malinsky, Paolo Vignoli and Victor Pulver.

'A' jubilant, truly glorious Glorio, following a still introverted and meditative Kyrie, highlighted the choir's resounding voices at their most impres-

In Miserere nobis, it expressed an intense, heart-rending supplication. The Credo assumed the character of an internationalized, sincere confession.

There was something lied-like, endearingly sweet and lyrical about the soloists' trio Et incarantus est and the concluding, imploringly human Quartet Dona nobis pacem, with their harmoniously blending voices.

The opening "Unfinished" Symphony, which was not strictly occded considering the length of the Mass, was nevertheless played with careful attention to the work's many subtlenes.

Even the forte chords were produced with characteristic Schubert-like softness.

Jerusalem Theater, June 24. Ury Eppstein

THE young cellist Timora Roselar's playing is like a fresh breeze. It was invigorating and full of vitality, in her recital with Ron Regev in the Friday Noon Music from Ein Kerem series.

The most important work in the world for her seems to always be

playing at the moment. Even insignificant trifles, such as a Boccberini sonata - pleasantly harking back to Pergolesi - or David Popper's Polonaise de Concert thus emerge as glittering gems, dashed off with zest as well

even the inherent schmaltziness of the Popper piece and turning it into a pure delight. In the much more demanding Beethoven Sonata No. 3, there were no unimportant notes but a

as loving care, sweeping away

fine distinction between the more important ones and those that are less so. There was a refreshing tempestuouspess in the fast movements, songful lyrical expression in the melodious episodes, and signifi-

cant accentuations in the shaping of phrases. Reger's rarely performed Suite No. 2 displayed a well-rounded,

sooorous tone, and refreshing temperament in the fast move-Regev was an attentive, sensitive partner in the Beethoven sooata, and rendered Haydn's

Variations in F minor with a light yet decisive touch, clarity and a finely developed aesthetic sense. Targ Music Center, June 28. Ury Eppstein

THE crop of two weeks' master classes at the Jerusalem International Chamber Music encounters was proudly presented in a seemingly never-ending closing concert of marathon dimensions comprising eight young ensembles from different countries.

The names of the international celebrities who had trained each of them were discreetly left undisclosed in the program notes mercifully for some and ungratefully to others.

Naturally, not all of such a formidable number of different groups can be equally outstanding, and some merely sounded well-trained - an achievement in itself, though a minor one. Others, such as the Veronica

String Quartet, put some of their dolleagues in its shadow. The quartet aroused particular interest by having selected an off-thebeaten-track yet deserving work -Berg's Quartet No. 3 - and, then, by doing more than just playing the correct notes. It succeeded in revealing the concealed Romantic roots of this modernist work, making it sound unbashedly and gloriously Romantic.

The Jerusalem Piano Trio (Roy Shiloah, Ariel Tushinsky, Yaron Rosenthal) deserves special mention for presenting a gripping rendition of Brahms's Trio op. 8 sensitive as well as warm-blooded and exuberant.

The Kinneret Piano Trio (Michael Vitenson, Guy Gadaev, Dmitry Steinberg) achieved an above-average level by convincingly displaying the explosive energies of Shostakovich's Trio op. 67, its elegiac slow movements and the composer's characteristic frony in its final one.

Jerusalem Music Center, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, June 29. Ury Eppstein

folk dance, but developed from

folkloristic origins - quite unlike, say, the Bokharan Wedding

staged in the same theater (June 11) with rich costume and much

(Los Angeles Times) Until now, the 45-year-old peak." Commedia dell'arte reduced to horseplay

NAOMI DAUDAI

By Carlo Goldoni. Hebrew adaptation and direction, Roni Pinkowitch. Set, Adrian Vaux. Costumes, Edna Sobol. Lighting, Amit Brenner, Music, Boaz Bareket Movement, Eran Lavi. Hebrew title Hashakran. At the Haifa Municipal Theater.

THE LIAR

Adva Edni Beatrice ____ Shira Cohen Pantolino Arieh Moscona Zvika Hadar

NYONE who remembers Rom Finkownen's coming direc-Roni Pinkowitch's early tor (Fraudo at Biton, Arsenic and Lace at Hahimah) can only be severely disappointed by his version of Goldoni's commedia-dell'arte classic. Hopefully it does not constitute a serious setback in a promising career.

I am all for transposing to local settings cultural milieux that are difficult to capture on the Israeli

stage. This, on condition that in so doing the original quality is not tampered with or worse, travestied. Pinkowitch is guilty of both sins, of commission as well as

omission. For this show he has conscripted performers from the popular worlds of stand-up comedy, it worlds of stand-up comedy, it mime, clowning and slapstick. They indulge in the sort of endless horseplay and high-pitched by vaudeville that turns Goldoni's is elegant entertainment imo bawdy burlesque. Suitable served up as street performance, it might also n please the patrons of the cruder's kind of cabaret show. But on Haifa's main stage it played to alargely stony-faced audience.

Humor is a mercurial quantity. What makes one wince may set another off in sritches. These high jinks did just that for a chosen few who obliged by laughing hysterically throughout. Be that as it may, theatergoers can still choose their show but directors, so far, cannot choose their audience.

Ballet: A midsummer night's revelation

HAT a Dream: the work of one genius (William Shakespeare) transformed through the medium of another genius (Frederick Ashton) and united with the music of third (Felix Mendelssohn) - a trio in perfect combination - brilliantly "translated" to the stage by the Royal Ballet from Covent Garden (London) at the Opera House of the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center (June.27). For anyone who cherished memories of the 1980s premiere of this masterpiece, this production renewed the elation of the comedy, the immaculate absurdity of the plot, and the intensity of the dancing. For anyone new to it, the production must have been a revelation of the spirit of beauty and fun.

The Efrom Choir and the Ra'anana Orchestra (conducted by Poter Ernst Lassen) supported the story which, as presented here, was an adaptation by Ashton of the full play. As ballet, it was complete in itself, with midsummer madness interpreted in choreographic terms.

True, there were details at odds with the play. Titania (Sarah Wildor) for instance was a capricious, delicious doll, not a fairy queen. Oberon (William Trevitt) however, supplied regality and magical illumination. At first, Airthony Bomne seemed too large for the mischievous elf Puck but his style was persuasive. The human couples were delightful in their period costumes and silly confusions; and Bottom (Peter Abeggien) as the yokel who is nimed into an ass was thoroughly convincing.
This muly British performance.

was a real gem. The audience seemed even more appreciative of Ashton's more patrician, though lesser

work, Rhapsody, set to Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto on a theme by Paganini (pianist Philip Gammon). Ashley Page's

Symmetries (the title is derived from William Blake's poem "The Tyger"), with music by John starred Irek Adams, Mukhamedov. In the dim light now so fashionable in modern ballet, it was full of tumult and turbulence. Mukhamedoy's shoulders, powerful as a wrestler's, twisted and turned in a performance which fit most people's

IN THE newly named Inbal Ethnic Dance Center in Tel Aviv, the Inbal Dance Theater presented a program by Sara Levi-Tanai and

DORA SOWDEN

Ilana Cohen (June 25). The works of Levi-Tanai are a national treasure, and this program whetted the appetite for more.

Levi-Tanai's Women, an early comedy on the habits of villagers - gossiping, arguing, vying to show their domestic skills - was a re-creacon rather than a revival, a little overplayed but still joyous

Levi-Tanai's greatness was best seen in the biblically inspired Song of Songs, where voices and

movement blended into that special kind of Israeli art dance. The choreography here was bold, picturesque and so structured that a woman, obviously a shepherdess, could be carried by a group of men on their joined-up sticks. The costuming, which bore reference to the season of outs, contributed to a fascinating scene.

Ilana Coheo's Lamentation was a melodramatic study of two women in their grief, Her Jug was a solo in which a young girl seemed to confide her thoughts to the vessel she was carrying.

These two well-wrought pieces were quite clearly art dance, not

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Turkish markets cautious over new coalition

ISTANBUL (Reuter) - Turkish financial markets remained cautious yesterday because of the upcoming vote of confidence in the new Islamist-led coalition, hut analysts said investors were calm because they did not expect the government to drastically change Turkey's economic poli-

Markets are very quiet as there is still an uncertainty over the new government until the confidence vote," said Bora Cilek, assistant general manager at Midland Bank in Turkey.

There was a slight reaction to Islamists coming to power on Friday. But no one awaits hig fluctuations at present," he said.

Necmettin Erbakan, head of the Islam-hased Welfare Party (RP), became Moslem but secular Turkey's first Islamist leader on Friday in a coalition with conservative leader and former prime minister Tansu Ciller, a US-educated technocrat with close per-sonal and political ties to the

Ciller is to be Erbakan's deputy and foreign minister under a fouryear rotating premiership deal which sees the Islamist leader taking the top joh for the first two years. The confidence vote will be no radical changes in Turkey's present economic policies, which stress privatization, hudget-cutting and strengthening economic ties with the West.

"Because the Islamists are not ruling the country alone and left the economy to their junior [con-servative] partner, the markets expect no radical changes from the new government," said Ali Ozenc, cash flow manager at private Finanshank.

Political concerns still sapped some strength from the Turkish lira, which fell slightly against the US dollar while yields on Treasury-hills rose one to four

percentage points.

The lira closed at 81,925 to the dollar, weaker than Friday's 81,710, but firmed from \$2,140 per dollar at the opening due to a severe cash squeeze in the money market,

Istanhul shares were slightly lower amid anxiety ahead of the vote. The composite index fell an average 0.23 percent over Friday's 21/2-month high to close

at 70,328.76. The coalition on paper has nine MPs more than the 276 needed to win a confidence vote, but dissidents from Ciller's True Path Party (DYP) and members of a small right-wing party could sway the vote either way.

Central bank index indicates slowdown

Integrated indicators index down for 1st time since '93

A SIGNIFICANT sign of an impending economic slowdown emerged yesterday when the Bank of Israel said its index of integrated indicators declined in May by 0.7 percent in comparison with the previous month, the first contraction in more than

three years of this broad mea-

surement of the economy's overall vitality. The index, which comprises indicators relating to imports, retail commerce, industrial production and husiness-sector jobs, rose over the four months preceding May hy an average of 0.7%, and by an average of 9% a year

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over the past six years.

The most significant decline was registered in the import index which dropped 7.1%, reflecting particularly weakened industrial demands. The industrial-production index itself shrank in May by

The Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday reported that the pace of growth in factory orders for equipment and machinery slowed during the April-May period to 6-7% after having stood at 13-17% during the previous two months, and 17-20% during the second

half of last year.

Organized retail commerce sales also slowed in May, when they grew at an annual pace of 9%, compared to 12-14% growth in the previous two-month period, and 15-18% over last year's second half.

Meanwhile, the central bank also reported a \$360 million decline in June of foreign currency reserves which now stand at \$8.89 hillion. This was the fifth straight monthly drop in non-shekel deposits. The central bank attributed the decline to government transfers ahroad in the amount of \$307 million.



Russian stockbrokers place bets on the outcome of tomorrow's presidential poll at the Russian Stock Exchange in Moscow yesterday. Brokers have devised futures contracts with starting prices based on election candidates' opinion poli ratings. If the candidate gets more than the predicted number of votes, the holder of the futures contract wins 10,000 rubles per percentage point. (Revent

Economists and officials expect Kemet rejects Vishay's purchase offer

GREENVILLE, South Carolina -Kemet Corp. rejected rival electronic components' maker Vishay Intertechnology Corp.'s acquisition proposal and adopted an antitakeover measure to make it less attractive to an unwanted suitor.

Kemet was caught off-guard last week when Vishay sent Kernet a. letter saying it was interested in huying the company. Analysts valued the potential transaction at more than \$1 billion. The companies had no comment on the potential purchase price.

Kemet yesterday said it told Vishay that it wasn't interested in

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discussing the proposal, citing its "strong future prospects as an independent company. The companies compete in the \$15 billiona-year market for capacitors components used in computers and electronic devices. Both companies have suffered recently from weakening demand in the personal computer and telecommunication industries.

Kemet also said it adopted a measure, commonly referred to as a poison pill, that discourages a

The measure gives Kernet shareholders a right to huy one-thousandth of a new series of junior participating preferred stock at \$85 only in the event that a person or group acquires or announces a tender offer for 15 percent or more of

Kernet's common stock. The measure ensures stockholders have no desire to convert the stock because of the dividend adjustments, unless the company is taken over. It also means that any takeover attempt would increase the price of Kemet's stock, making the company more expensive to a potential hidder.

Vishay, based in Malvern, Pennsylvania, is the largest US maker of passive electronic components. (Bloomberg)

Government licenses 5 oil drills

THE government has awarded the first five licenses to drill for oil in Israel's deep waters in the Mediterranean.

The winning consortium, head-ed by Avner Oil and Gas Ltd., intends to drill off the coast at unspecified locations between Haifa and the Gaza Strip by the

end of next year. The first stage is to find further financial and technical partners. followed by a seismic study of the area between October and December, Avner's managing director Eli Rosenberg said yesterday. "Drilling will hopefully begin before the end of 1997," he

Rosenberg dismissed suggestions that the total cost of the project will be around \$1 hillion. He DAVID HARRIS

estimated that the initial drilling, at a 1500 meter-depth, will cost \$25 million.

"Israel's deep waters appear to be very promising," according to government's director of petroleum research Dr. Yehezkel Druckman, who granted the licenses.

This confidence stems from the results of previous drillings in the nearby shallow waters by Isramco in the early 1990s, which suggested the area is oil-

Avner, together with Delek Kiduchim and Enserch Middle East, had to be granted five licenses to carry out the project, because each only covers 400 square kilo-

While experts agree the area could prove lucrative, there is a variance of opinion as to how much oil is needed to make the operation economically viable, Druckman suggested a minimum of 3,000 to 5,000 barrels a day. Others' believe more would be needed.

For a successful well in that depth of water, they need thou-sands of barrels," said Yaron Ran, the managing director of Israel National Oil Company.

Avner claims the support of many international oil companies, and said a former vice-president of the world's largest publicly owned oil company, Exxon Corporation, described

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bezeq to help Technion transmit lectures: Expanded cooperation between Bezeq and the Haifa Technion will make possible real-time transmission of lectures by the school's staff over interactive ATM lines combining pictures, sounds and data at high speed and quality. This experiment, to be carried out soon, was amounted yesterday hy Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kanl on a visit to the Haifa

Kaul and Technion president Zehev Tadmor said lectures would be transmitted to Bezeq's training center in Tel Aviv and from there to any facility that has ATM reception capabilities. Bezeq will also join the Technion's center for communications and information technologies that brings together leading public organizations and private companies in the field along with Technion researchers and

Purchase tax on imports jumps: The purchase tax on imported goods was raised by 20 percent yesterday. This is the first change since January 1993, when the dollar was worth NIS 2.64. Legally, the tax must be changed with every 20% increase in the value of the dollar against the shekel.

The tax, which has been less important since the introduction of VAT, applies to a small group of durables and intermediates. The change means tax on a central air-conditioning system weighing upwards of four tons will now be NIS 720 a ton, up from NIS 600. The ceiling of the tax on household electric goods was raised from NIS 2,160 to NIS 2,592 for each item.

IEC insurance committee approves recommendation: The insurance committee of the Israel Electric Corporation has approved the recommendation to appoint London-based Marsh & Mclennan as broker for its planned \$1.4 hillion coal-fired power plant at Ashkelon. The insurance cover would last five years.

The plant will comprise two large coal-based production units, each with 550 megawan output. Work on both should be completed

Palestinian growers irked by Flower Board ruling: Palestinian flower growers are contemplating cutting of all ties with Agrexco and Carmel in response to a decision by the Flower Board to separate exports from Israel from those of the territories.

The decision was taken to ensure Israeli farmers do not pay a levy as a result of different quota arrangements for Palestinians.

According to an agreement between Israel and the European Community, the annual export quota is 24,500 tons. If exports exceed this, the growers must pay a 15 percent levy. This year, for example, Israel will export about 30,000 tons.

The quota for the territories was set at 1,500 tons, with an expected 3,500 being shipped this year.

Tourism grows by 12 percent: The number of visitors in the first quarter of 1996 stood at 855,400, a 12% increase on the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported this week

Of them, 792,900 were tourists, up 13% over last year.

Some 4,100 entered by sea, a 24% decrease. The largest increase, 26%, was in the number of people arriving by land - 189,000. An undisclosed proportion of these were Israelis returning from vacations in adjoining Arab countries.

Tribune Co. acquires Renaissance: Media power Tribune Co. will buy Renaissance Communications Corp. and its six television stations in a cash deal valued at \$1.13 billion, the companies announced yesterday.

Tribune already owns and operates TV stations in 10 cities. —
Following the deal, it would own and operate stations in eight of the top 11 US markets, the Chicago-based company said in a

The deal is expected to close early next year following Federal Communications Commission and shareholder approvals, Tribune said. Renaissance shareholders who own 60 percent of the company have agreed to vote for the transaction. Tribune said.

US court approves **InterPharm** share buyback

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

AFTER two years of litigation, a New York federal court has preliminarily approved a settlement that will allow Ares-Serono, a Geneva-based pharmaceutical company, to buy back its shares in its Israel-based bio-tech subsidiary, InterPharm, the company

recently announced. The decision will give shareholders who did not tender their shares an opportunity to sell them at \$26 per share and is offering an additional \$3 to those who sold their shares pursuant of the 1994. tender offer.

lowing a shareholder filed a civilaction suit against Ares-Serono for improperly conducting its plan

to privatize InterPharm. Since the case went to court, stocks in the company, which

The tender was put on hold fol-

went from being traded on Nasdaq to being traded on the Pink Sheets, have remained stagnant at about \$13 per share.
In 1994 Ares-Serono decided to

revert to its private status, which, due to the proprietary nature of the information in the highly competitive pharmaceutical industry, would make operating the subsidiary easier, a company

spokesperson said. InterPharm develops the active ingredients used in medications which Ares-Serono then finishes

and markets. The settlement is contingent upon current shareholders' agreement to sell their remaining stocks and final approval by the court after a hearing to be held on Angust 16, 1996 at a United

States district court.

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SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION AND SETTLEMENT HEARING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 18, 1996

ATTENTION: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO OWNED SHARES OF INTERPHARM LABORATORIES LIMITED ON MAY 6, 1994, AND WHO EITHER TENDERED AND SOLD SUCH SHARES TO ARES-SERONO S.A. PURSUANT TO THE TENDER OFFER MADE BY ARES-SERONO S.A. IN 1994, OR WHO CURRENTLY OWN SUCH SHARES (THE "SETTLEMENT CLASS")

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The parties in the above action have agreed to a Settlement of this Litigation, subject to the approval of the Court. If you tendered or hold interPharm stock, your rights may be affected and you may be entitled to a financial benefit.

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UN oil deal stabilizes Iraqi dinar, commodity prices

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Iraq's oil deal with the United Nations is hringing stability to the battered local currency and prices of essential commodities for the first time since 1990.

A steady currency is also encouraging the government to overlook inhibitions on the possession and circulation of hard cash in Iraq. Traders and husinessmen in Shorja, the country's commercial hub, now openly conclude deals in US dollars.

They [authorities] have never been so tolerant as they are now," said one trader. "We now carry our dollars in the same way as we carry our dinars."

Several Iragis carried sacks full of dinars as they left an exchange house in Baghdad's Saadoun street. Peering over the famous Nasr (Victory) Square in Baghdad are two huge posters, one for the pound sterling and the other for the US dollar.

"It is probably a sign of new times. I could not imagine to have those pictures at a sensitive area in Baghdad even two years ago,"

said a passer-hy. Inside al-l'timad exchange a sign-board gave yesterday's rates for the US dollar, the Jordanian dinar and other foreign curren-

The government's relaxation of rules on the circulation of hard cash has almost led to the demise of once a thriving black market in Baghdad. About 40 governmentlicensed exchange houses now give rates equivalent or close to

those offered by kerb dealers. Yesterday the US dollar fetched about 1,000 dinars at official exchange offices. "It [dollar] could be a bit higher on the black market hut it is safer to change your money at a licensed office," another trader said. In the past, kerb dealers and traders in the exchange business

Prior to UN trade sanctions, imposed on traq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, the dinar was an oil-backed currency worth \$3.1. When Iraq entered talks with UN on partial oil sales early in the year the dollar was worth more

risked harsh penalties ranging

from long prison terms to amputa-

than 3,000 dinars. The two sides signed their oilfor-food deal in May under which Baghdad is permitted to sell \$2 hillion worth of crude in six months. The deal stimulated the government to liberalize foreign exchange and is now striving hard not to put the dinar again at the mercy of black market specula-

Cellcom: Lower the customs on phones

CELLCOM will try to persuade the government to lower customs charges on cellular telephones and on "Diburit" equipment required for using a cellular phone in a moving vehicle, according to Oren Most, the consortium's vice president for marketing.

Most said cellular phones now owned by 11% of all Israelis
- are used daily for work and personal security, thus the 30% of the price comprising taxes should be Although Israeli cellular phone

users speak "three or four times

more" minutes per day than the

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world average, the percentage of the population with mobile phones is in the middle, past England's 10% and Germany's 4.7%, but still behind the US's 13.2%, Sweden's 23.4% and

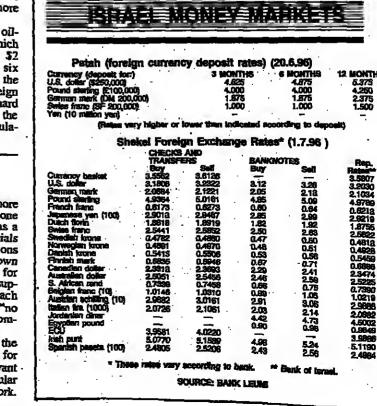
Norway's 24,3%. In a briefing for reporters in Jerusalem, Most and Cellcom vice president for engineering Shalom Manova said the ultimate aim is for every Israeli to own a cellular phone.

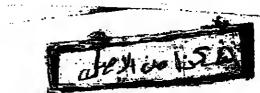
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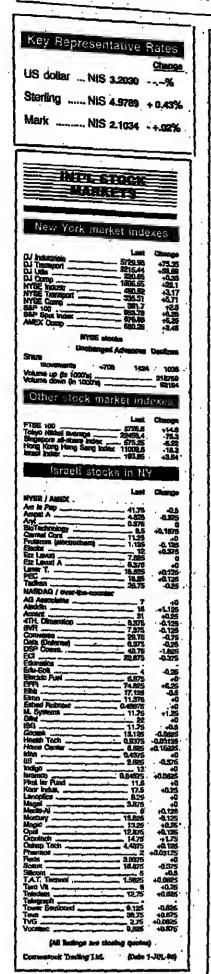
months of operations, many more than Bezeq/Motorola's Pelephone was able to get in 10 years as a monopoly. The Cellcom officials added that when Communications Minister Limor Livnat sits down to discuss the ministry's plans for a third cellular phone service supplier, she could very well reach the conclusion that there is "no justification" for yet another com-

peting company.

The officials announced the launching of special low prices for Jerusalem-area residents who want to buy Nokia or Ericsson cellular phones on the Cellcom network.







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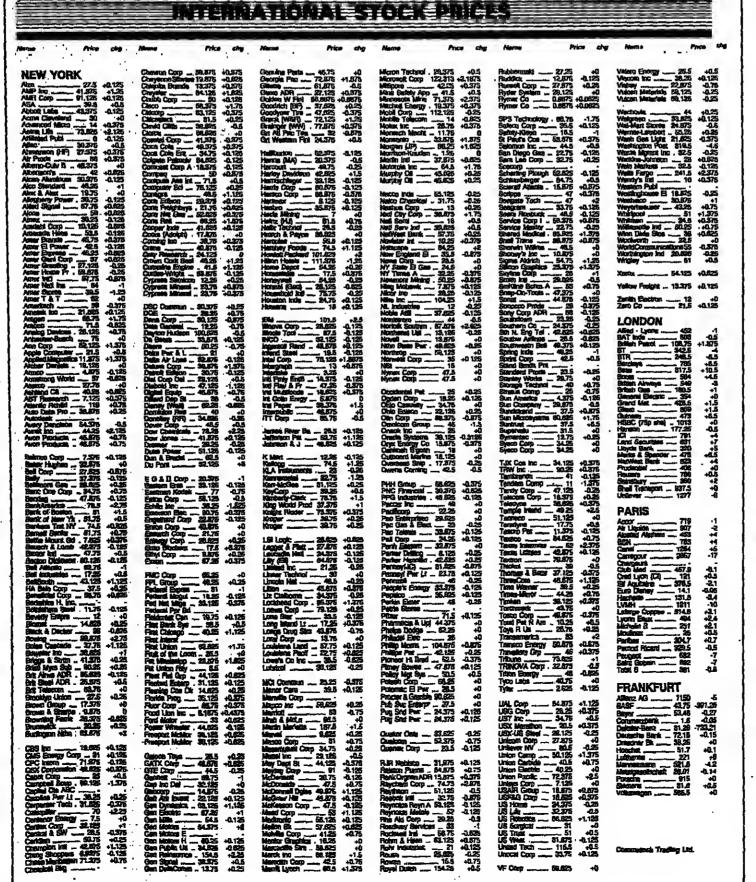
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'Foggy weather' drives stock prices down

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



Two-Sided index

STOCKS fell yesterday, after the government's first budget-related debate on Sunday ended without any decisions.

"Foreign investors and local investors are waiting for the atmosphere to clear," said Dan Kitri, and analyst with Bank Otzar Hahaval. "The government hasn't decided anything, and stock mar-kets don't like foggy weather."

The Maof Index fell 0.52 percent to 209.00, and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.30% to 197.28.

Of 987 shares trading, three shares fell for every two that rose. Some NIS 56.3 million in shares changed hands, NIS 18.2m. below Sunday's level.

Losses were led by IDB Holding, which fell 7%. The company's shares had gained 7.25% on Sunday, amid speculation correpreneur Stef Wertheimer sought to increase his stake in the сотралу.

Yesterday, investors sold, as they regarded Sunday's gains as "an overreaction," Kitri said. Wertheimer did not report purchasing any shares, he said.

"The market is working on a very short term basis," Kitri said. "People saw that they made 7% yesterday, so they sold today." Wertheimer bought a stake in

IDB Holding last month. IDB Holding owns 71% of IDB Development, which owns 55% of Discount lovestment. Discount Investment, in turn, owns a 26% stake in Werth-

eimer's Iscar. lovestors speculated last month that Wertheimer was interested in buying enough shares in IDB Holding to pressure the company to sell its stake in Iscar. Earlier in the year, Wertheimer lost a court battle to prevent Discount Investments from publishing Iscar's financial results.

Maof Index

IDB Development felt 2.75% and Discouot Investments fell

On the Two-Sided, Nice-Systems soured for a second day, gaining 8.25%. Its ADRs were up 11/4 to 2014 in early trading. On Friday, Salomon Bros. raied

Nice-Systems a "strong buy." Other gaining shares included Mofet Israel Technology Fund, which rose 5%. Mofet holds a stake in VocalTec, whose shares were up 1 to 914 in early US trading.

On Friday, a US Federal Communications Commission regulator said he was in favor of permitting companies selling software for making Internet phone calls to continue to sell their products without the regulations that usually apply to phone companies.

Maof-listed shares with gains included Teva, which rose 0.75% amid expectations Teva's ADRs would rise. The ADRs rose to 37% on Friday from a six-month low of 34% nn Thursday and were up % in early trading.

Other gainers included Koor. which rose 1.25%, after it inaugurated a joint venture between its subsidiary Shemen Industries and German company Henkel. which will invest \$7.5 million to produce cosmetics and soap products. Koor's ADRs were up 1/4 to 171/4 in early trading.

following news reports that American Financial Group may be joining a group bidding for :. stake in the bank. Bank Leumi fell 1.25% and

Bank Hapoalim rose 0.75%

First International Bank fell 0.25%,

Chemical shares were mixed. Israel Chemicals fell 1%; Dead Sea Bromine fell 2%; Dead Sea Works rose 0.25%; and Makhteshim rose 1.25%. (Bloomberg)

Euro markets start off big week with a whimper WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Renter) - European markets drifted into the second half of 1996 in a wary mood ahead of three major events later this week - any une of which could unsettle them.

Europe's leading bourses close mixed yesterday - London and Frankfurt rose 0.39 and 0.1 percent respectively, while Paris shed 0.23%. The dollar was becalmed just under 110 yen.

. "There are too many big events ahead of us this week for the market to make a decisive mood," said a senior currency trader at a German bank in London.

The foremost question is whether the US Federal Open Markets Committee (FOMC). which meets tuday and tomorrow, will change the recent course of US interest rates to head off inflationary pressures in the world's leading economy.

"People are not expecting an increase (in US interest rates) now, but there may be a small increase later and it's the fear of the fear that's holding the market hack," said one British share

Many traders are likely to remain inactive until the meeting is

over. They will also be keeping a close watch on round two of Russia's presidential elections tomorrow.

Dealers remained confident in a Yeltsin victory: "The surveys in seem to show a Yeltsin victory. Our betting is the whole thing will be a damp squib and the market ai will then push on to 2,600 points a: by the end of the week," a London dealer of German equities

said. And then at the end of the week the US jobs data for June will be published - a key indicator which will be scrutinised for signs of overheating in the US economy.

In London, Europe's leading bourse, shares ended at the day's highs as Wall Street rebounded from Friday's losses, but turnover was low. Wall Street was up 25 points at 1600 GMT.

"This corrective rally could go a hit further," said one analyst. It However, he added, the index is 's likely to come under renewed selling if it meets chart resistance at 3,730 to 3,733.

Traders expected the market to remain within a fairly narrow range and volume in he thin

Dow up sharply

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Stock prices soared on the first day of the third quarter yesterday as investors were confident that the Federal Reserve's policy-setting group will keep interest rates unchanged at its two-day meeting

that starts today. Based on early and unofficial

data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 75.35 points at

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 14-10 on subdued volume of 348 million shares on the New York Stock

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FIRST STEPS - The Olympic team readies for the 1996 Games which begin in Atlanta on July 19. The delegation, which includes athletes, coaches, trainers and officials, will meet today at Beit Hanassi. The contingent, photographed at the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya, is led by Israel National Olympic Committee President Yoram Oberkowitz (middle row, 8th from left) and 1992 medalists Yael Arad and Oren Smadja (front row, 4th and 6th from left). Capsule biogra-

Torre's torrid Yanks stay atop AL East Graf, Sanchez Vicario

pected source: Dwight (Doc)

Gooden (7-4), whose return to form from a series of drug and

alcohol problems has been an

"Doc picked us up when we needed a big lift," says Torre. "We

losi David Cone and Doc Gooden

went back into the starting rota-

tion and he's been pitching lights

out. He's been absolutely fantastic

- not only did he pitch the no-hit-

ter, he stopped a couple of losing

streaks for us and it's very impor-

tant that we have his experience

Cone made 12 light tosses last

week, but Torre said it would take

him six weeks to get ready once

ably deserves as much credit as

anyone for the Yanks' success is

the man Yankee fans loves to

hate: George Steinbrenner. Finally grasping the "If it ain't broke, doo't fix it" approach to

ownership. The Boss bas left GM

Bob Watson and Torre to run

that much more important.

and his ability pitching for us."

inspiration

losing serve in the fifth game? The match was suspended by rain for play resumed, Graf saved a break point before closing out the set with an acc.

1-0 in the second set. Hingis began putting more pressure on Graf with her solid baseline game. Graf saved two break points in the sixth game, then broke in the next game with a

four straight errors. But Graf served out the match at love in the next game, finishing with back-to-

reach quarters the third. He led 4-0 and 6-2 in the third-set tiebreaker and squandered two match points before ending it with a good serve that

WIMBLEDON (AP) - Defending champion Steffi Graf beat 15year-old Martina Hingis in straight sets yesterday to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals on a forced an error by Gustafsson. The last Briton to reach the final

rainy, blustery day.
In a Centre Court match twice suspended by rain, the top-seeded Graf used her big serve and forehand to beat No. 16 Hingis 6-1, 6-4. The match lasted 55 minutes of actual playing time but took 1:45 because of the rain breaks.

The victory avenged the only tournament defeat Graf has suffered this year, a three-set loss to Hingis at the Italian Open in May. "I think I was probably on top right from the beginning." Grat

her the chance to get into the

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the fourth seed and last year's numerup, rallied from a set and 0-2 down to beat Belgium's Sabine Appelmans, 3-6, 6-2, 6-15
Mary Pierce, the 13th seed, advanced to her first Wimbledon quarter-final with a 6-2, 6-3 win

over Russia's Elena Likhovtseva. Meredith McGrath reached her nist Grand Stam quarter-tinal with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Katarina Studenikova, the talented Slovak

who ousted Monica Seles in the second round. Tim Henman became the first British man in 23 years to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals when he beat Sweden's Magnus

on Centre Court. Henman, playing classic serveand-volley tennis, came from 0-3

down in the second set and 3-5 in

Gustafsson 7-6(7-2), 6-4, 7-6(7-4)

Swans end Carlton

nals. The last British man to win Wimbledon was Fred Perry in Graf, who has been suffering

eight was Roger Taylor in 1973.

He went on to lose in the semifi-

from a swollen tendon in her left knee, wore a small bandage below the knee, Although she appeared to limp slightly at times, especially in the first set, her game did not appear to suffer.

Graf responded testily to comments by nine-time champion Martina Navratilova, who said Graf was exaggerating her injury as an excuse in case of a defeat.

live with injuries" Graf said, "I think she should know better." Graf, raced out to a 4-0 lead, before double faulting twice and

about 20 minutes at 5-1. When After another 20-minute break at

forehand winner to go np 4-3.

At 5-3, Hingis saved two match points and held serve as Graf made

he is bealthy, and clearly isn't they're home-grown, and I think counting on Cone in the regular we can be proud of that fact." season, if at all, making Gooden In the final analysis, it's still said. "Because I lost my last match against her, I didn't want to give been Torre - who never achieved Ironically, the person who prob-

much success as a manager in the

press with little on the George

front other than the current dis-

club a new stadium.

pute over his desire to get the

George has his input, obvious-

ly, but Bob Watson and the other

baseball people hopefully make

most of the decisions," says

Willie Randolph, wbo's seen it all

as a player and coach with the

Yanks. "If George thinks we need

he's going to try to get us some-

one we need. But as for letting the

young kids play, you need to do-

that. Otherwise, when are they

going to learn how to play?

When you look at the people

we have on the field this year -

pitcher or two or somebody,

National League - wbo's been so important to the club's success. While some raised eyebrows when he was named Yankee manager, he's proven them

wrong He knows what it takes to win, says Randolph, And to Joe's credit, he's helping us do

a slight cooling-off period with sbot in the arm from a very unexthings, leaving the New York LASSIFIEDS

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

MINNEAPOLIS

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the

ninth, the Twins got runners on

the corners with one out. Pat

Meares, a pinch-runner who had

been thrown out at the plate by

O'Neill on a no-bop throw the day

before, watched as Chuck

Knoblauch bit a medium fly ball

to O'Neill which certainly had a

chance of scoring him. Instead,

Meares took oary a step off the bag as O'Neill fielded it cleanly

and uncorked another fine throw

home. Evidently, Meares wasn't

too interested to see if lightning

could strike twice in the same

O'Neill hasn't been the only one

to shine on defense. Catcher Joe

Girardi's quick hands prevented three wild pitches in the game

against the Twins, and crucial,

plays by rookie shortstop Jeter,

.79 games is sure to put him near the top of the first-year crop. 30,530.

The priching has received a

who has played in 75 of the club's ...

his rocket arm.

RATES

CAN a Brooklyn boy and former

Mets manager find happiness in

the Bronx, despite a Boss who is

known for breathing down his

that, keeping the Yankees loose

despite a plague of injuries of almost Biblical proportions to

lead them to a .595 winning per-

centage and a 41/2 game lead over

the fevored Baltimore Orioles in

Amazingly, the Yanks have

been in first since April 30. How's he doing it? "It's no

secret," Torre said recently in a

pre-game interview at Minnesota's Metrodome, "We're

a good team - we play hard. I

think the fact that we don't hit a

lot of home runs makes us work

hard because we know that we

have a lot of components that

bave to work for us to win. It's

just a good group of guys who

Torre's emphasis on the funda-

mentals was evident in last week's.

finale against the Twins, won hy

the Yankees, 2-1. Little things:-

done right, like rookie Andy Fox

advancing catcher Joe Girardi

want to win badly.

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phies of the 25 athletes and a daily Olympic schedule will appear in the 'World of Sport' magazine on July 16.

from second to third in the eighth

inning to set up Derek Jeter's sac

fly to tie the score at I was just

one example. Torre has also

brought a long absent running

game to the Bronx Bombers, who

were used to relying on the long

ball. They've already stolen more bases in less than half a sea-

50 far, the easy-going Torre has also managed to keep his players

loose, despite playing under the New York media spotlight, and

just a phone call away from The

Going into the weekend series

with the Orioles, the Yanks had

won 41 of their last 57 home

games (.730) dating back to last

August 21, and had not lost con-

secutive games at the Stadium

during that period., their longest

such streak since 1963. "We're

enjoying ourselves - we play well

at home, we've been playing well

against good teams, so our confi-

One of the reasons for the high

spirits is rightfielder Paul O'Neill.

who started the season flirting

with .400 but has compensated for

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Sydney Swans became the first side to defeat Carlton on its home turf in two years in weekend Australian Football League action. The Swans trailed by 11 points Saturday after three quarters but

rallied to kick six goals to two in the final term to win 15.12 (102) to 13.13 (91). In Snnday matches, the West Coast Eagles beat Footscray 11.5 (71) to 9.5 (59) and Melbourne downed Adelaide 19.9 (123) to 10.12 (72), handing the Crows

their fifth consecutive loss. North Melbourne, after trailing by nine points at halftime, moved into first place with a 9.20 (74) to 8.10 (58) win Saturday over Fremantle.

Fitzroy's increasing off-field crisis was mirrored on the field when it lost by a record margin to Geelong. The Cats posted a record 127-point win over a downcast Fitzroy, 13 points more than their previous biggest winning margin

set in 1932.

Geelong booted 25.16 (166) to 6.3 (39) in front of 10,504 spectators who may have witnessed Fitzroy's last outing. The Lions are in the hands of an administrator with debts totaling \$4 million and they only took the field after the league guaranteed the match payments.

St. Kilda kept its faint finals hopes alive with a 14.12 (96) to 7.8 (56) win over Brisbane. The Saints led by five goals at the last change and kept the Bears goalless in the last term while adding two majors.

In the other match Saturday, Essendon kept out a determined Hawthorn to win 18.13 (121) to 15.10 (100). The scores were level after three quarters before the Bombers kicked clear with four

On Friday, Richmond kicked the first four goals of the game and won its third in a row, beating Collingwood by 23 points - 14.8 (92) to 10.9 (69).

Four-day county championship results

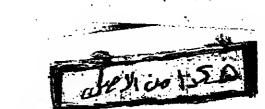
At Old Trafford: Lancashire vs. Somerset match abandoned due to rain. Lancashire 380-5 declared and 45-0 declared. Somerset 75-3 declared. Lancashire 8 points Somerset 5. At Southend: Essex vs. Surrey match abandoned due to rain. Surrey

476-8 declared and 167-2 (M.Butcher 85 not out). Essex 425-9 declared. Essex 8 points Surrey 10. Al Chester-le-Street: Durham vs. Gloucestershire match drawn.

Durham 175 and 385-8 declared. Gloucestershire 166 and 150-2 (T.Hancock 59 not out, A.Wright 58). Durham and Gloucestershire 7 At Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire match drawn. Middlesex 413 and 122-3. Warwickshire 455-9 declared (P.Tufnell 5-71).

Middlesex 8 points Warwickshire 10. At Worcester: Yorkshire beat Worcestershire by 111 runs, Yorkshire 321 and 266-7 declared (C.White 65, M.Waughan 63/80, M.Bevan 57). Worcestershire 355-9 declared and 121 (D.Gough 4-27). Yorkshire 23 points Worcestershire 8.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor





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HELEN KAYE NEIL Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning. 1991 Broadway hit, Lost in Yonkers is the Jerusalem English-Speaking Theater's new show, it features Judith Ben-Susan as rigid Grandma Kumitz and young JEST newcomers Gersbon Fischer and Elisha Jacobsen as her grandsons, Jay and Arty. It's 1942 in Yonkers, New York, and nobody, not even Grandma, realizes the effect the boys will have on this loveless family. Directed by Leah Stoller at Gerard

CANTORS

Behar tonight and tomorrow at 8.

HELEN KAYE

SOME 250 of them them trill their hearts out in "Shir Hama'alot." the finale of The Silent Violin: A Salute to Yossele Rosenblott, one of the all-time greats. The program is based on Rosenblan's compositions and fea-tures some of the Jewish world's best cantors such as Benjamin Miller, Haim Adler, Haim Eliezer Herstik and David Weinbach. At David's Tower tonight at



Ralph Fiennes as Lenny Nero finds himself in a maze of paranoia, deception and murder in 'Strange Days.' (Meric W. Wallace)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

AFTER sweeping the audience with its Spanish program last week, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra is back on more familiar ground for its final subscription concert of the season. Music director David Shallon leads the world premiere of the overture "To Jerusalem" composed by Menahem Wiesenberg. Shallon concludes the season with Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony. In between Barry Douglas plays Beethoven's Fifth ("Emperor") Piano Concerto. Tomorrow and Thursday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8).

DANCE

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

JERUSALEM dance buffs can enjoy the premiere of Coffee Cantata, a new three-part dance work created and performed by Yasmin Palmoni and Guci Leo, Flutist Marcello Ehrlich provides the all-Bach accompaniment and the entire evening looks at the way we relate to baroque music, movement and aesthetics. At Habama in Talpiot at 9 p.m.

CINEMA ADINA HOFFMAN

*** STRANGE DAYS - Kathryn Bigelow's picture takes place a few hours before the apocalypse, on the last day and night of the 20th century. In rotted-out Los Angeles, cars burn in the middle of every street, cops cruise the boulevards on tanks and bear suspects in full view of the passing mobs, and sad-sack hustler Lenny Nero (Ralph Fiennes) makes the rounds, pushing illegal, virtual-reality "clips" which provide his clients a temporary escape from their nightmare surroundings. Written by Jay Cocks and Bigelow's ex-husband Jay Cameron, the film is interesting and viscerally effective, though it ultimately falls victim to the familiar Catch-22 of so many movies about video culture. On the surface. the filmmakers seem to offer a critique of our society's endless hunger for steady, undernanding visual stimulation. At the same time they work like crazy to make sure that our hunger for steady, undernanding visual stimulation is sated in the course of the film. With Angela Bassett and Juliette Lewis. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 will not be admitted without an adult.)

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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1 Horrify a withdrawn

Scandinavian (5) 4 Correct a cool-headed cleric (8) 10 Unsophisticated old city in

S African province (7) 11 Grain that is produced in Africa (7)

12 Your duty includes communication . in Pakistan (4)

13 They're foolish taunts (5) 14 Eager for sextet to appear

in commercial (4) 17 Understandable resolution of Chinese problem (14) 19 Only he is trusted to fulfil

the European dream (5,5,4) 22 Drag one's feet if lacking energy (4)

23 Suddenly discover how to continue batting (3,2) 24 Some of the chaps ended up

in church (4) 27 Huge meal must mean a spare tyre! (4-3) 28 Bounty was a big boat (7)

29 Bread is made even in-Scotland (8)

30 Contemplated Frenchman being exploited (5)

DOWN

1 Declare that a couple of Poles carry little weight (8)

2 Frantic stop-over in East Germany (7) 3 Use it to fry the French

way (4)

5 Pet lions cannot be set free. Capitali (14)

6. Impulse felt by a childless operator (4) 7 Appearance of a royal

contender (7) 8 Antelope from an oriental country (5) 9 Inform how to finish the

game (4,3,7) 15 Opportunity for judge to imprison ringleader (5)

16 I have to put in the right bolt (5)

18 Let out and let out again (8) 20 Stress that the lost sheep has been found? (3,4) 21 Tyrannize journalists after

work (7) 22 Pound sign (5) 25 He said history was bunk. That's shallow (4)

26 A strange plant (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution 10 Immature, 11 Allow, 14 Red, 16 Enigma, 17 Endure, 18 Gen, 20 Below, 24 Stranger, 25 Stoat, 26 as, 27 Broth DOWN: I Avold, 2 Scamp, 3 Month, 4 Fierce, 3 Charlady, 7 Falcoury, 12 Ancestor, 13 Ignorant, 14 Reg, 15 Den, 19 Entemp, 21 Catty, 22 Agree,

QUICK CROSSWORD

1 Young female (4) 3 Troublesome conduct (8) 9 Greek letter (5) wind (7)

10 Hot, southerly 11 Used to be (3) 13 Impropriety (9) 14 Abundance (6) 16 Realm (6)

18 Judicial killing (9) 20 Be mistaken (3) 22 Mocked (7) 23 Russian river (5) 25 Lowered in pitch

12 Docker (9) 14 Urged (7) 15 Sabterranean fungus (7) 17 Ignite (6) 19 Dark blue (4)

TELEVISION

IN CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 5:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Animated series a 8:30 Tomcats 9:00 Gaya, Gal and Gill 9:15 Kalimaru 9:30 Little Mermaid 10:00 Littls Women 10:30 Vacation Studio 13:00 Animated series about animals 13:30 Tomcais 14:00 Gaya, Gal and Gill 14:15 Kalimaru 14:30 Moomins 15:00

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ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropos - 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:31 Grace Under Fire 20:00 Mabet 19:31 Grace Under Fire 20:00 Mabet News 20:50 Lotto draw 20:55 Referendum 22:00 A Case of Coincidence 22:55 Atlanta '96 - great moments in the Olympic Games 23:30 Naws 00:00 Verse of the Day

IN CHANNEL 2

10:00 The Black Hole - Disney movie about a spaceship (91 mins.) 12:00 Children's program 13:00 A Matter of Time 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 All Together Now 15:00 The 100 Lives of Black Jack Savage 16:00 Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 First Love 18:00 Ruby 19:00 Lingo 19:30 The Cornedy Store 20:00 News 20:30 Remet Aviv Girmel 21:15 Fact with lians Dayan 22:15 Edinburgh Isn't Waiting for Me documentary about a local homosau-al theater group 23:50 Songs 00:00 News '00:05 Night-time Rendezvous with Kobi Medan 00:40 Nurses 1:05 On the Edge of the Shelf

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15:00 Iris the Happy Professor 15:30 Wimbledon '96 19:00 Le Journel 19:30 News

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MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 700 Club 14:30 The Pharoah's Woman - Pharoah's son fights for the woman he loves and his kingdom. (88 mins.)16:05 Urban Pessants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Up from the Aches 18:40 A Team 19:30 World News Toright (Arabic) 20:00 CNN News 20:30 America's Elegiest Home Visions 20:55 Star Tiek Funniest Home Videos 20:55 Star Trek 21:45 Father Dowling 22:35 700 Club 23:05 Larry King 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Querturn Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

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16:00 Cartoons 16:30 On the Side of Justice 17:30 From Day to Day 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 International magazine on the arts 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Outstanding creations 21:00 Blah Blah - joint radio and TV chat show 22:15 Showcase 22:45 Cherna magazine 00:00 Clasedown

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15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Alpine Academy 18:30 On Second Thought 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Family relations 20:00 A New Evening (Russian subtities) 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Female Parspective 21:30 Francis Bacon and the Brutality of Fact 22:30 Star Trek The Next Generation 23:15 Nother and Sec. 23:15 Mother and Son

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to 8:00 Falcon Crest (pt) 9:00 One Life to Live (pt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perla Nagra (pt) 12:10 Neighbors (pt) 12:35 Delfas (pt) 13:30 Starting et 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dalfas 18:00 Ona Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Beverly Hills 90:210 21:40 Welcome to Paradise (1994) – three friends take a vacation at Daytona Wedon's take a vacation at Daytona BaachWith Shelley Long and Mel Harris. Directed by Bill Norton (110 mins.) 23:10 Sapir 23:20 Wings 23:45 Metrose Place 00:30 Sweet Charity 1:25 Rosie O'Neil

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

13:00 Me and the Xid (1993) - inept thieves Iddhap a wealthy boy and regret it. With Danny Aiello (nt) 14:40 Paradise, Hawaiian Style (1966) - Elvis Presley as a pilot who runs e charter service. With Suzanna Leigh. Directed by Michael Moore (87 mins.) 16:10 The Wonder Years 15:40 Les Pitels (1991, Franch) - Italian immigrants struggle in a small Franch town (nt) 19:55 Special on Jurrani 20:20 Serri-Precious (1995) - Laura is raising the children of her late husband when their biological mother returns to

White Squall 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 10 *

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claim them (rpt) 21:45 What's New at the Movies 22:00 Fitty/Fifty (1992) — two mercenaries and a CIA man lead a rebellion in an African country. With Pater Weller and Robert Hays. Directed by Charles Martin Smith (90 mins.) 23:35 Dirty Harry (1971) - Clint Eastwood lets nothing stop his pursuit of law and order. Directed by Don Siegel (98 mins.) 1:15 Little Odessa (1994) - a Jewish hitman returns to his

childhood haunts in Brooklyn With Tim

Roth (rpt) 2:55 Terminal Voyage (1994)

CHILDREN (6)

- a spaceship quest (rpt)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Popcomia 9:00 Spiderman 9:40 Batman 10:15 The Legend of the North Wind 10:50 Chiquititas 11:40 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 12:15 VR Troopers with Mr. Cooper 12:15 VR Troopers 12:50 Harry and the Hendersons 13:30 Hugo 14:05 Popcornia (rpt) 14:30 Spidermen (rpt) 15:10 Batman (rpt) 15:45 The Legend of the North Wind (rpt) 16:20 Chiquititias (rpt) 17:10 Hangin with Mr. Cooper (rpt) 17:45 VR Troopers (rpt) 18:20 Harry and the Hendersons (rpt) 18:20 Hugo (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jaka 21:30 Drop the Dead Donkey Donkey

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Autumn Moon (1992, Chinese) love story set in Hong Kong. Directed by Clara Lau (101 mins.) 23:45 The Joker is Wild (1957) - true story of nighticlub entertainer Joe E. Lewis. With Frank Sinetra and Mitci Gaynor. Directed by Charles Vidor (126 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Mary Frances Kennedy (rpt) 13:00 Frontline (rpt) 14:10 Open University 16:10 Mary Frances Kennedy (rpt) 17:10 Frontline (rpt) 18:20 Open University 20:20 The Power of Oreams 21:10 National Geographic Explorer 22:00 Combat at See 22:50 The Power of Dreams (rpt) 23:45 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Torn Brokew 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supersnop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Live from Wall Street 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 Selina Scott Show 21:30 Datefine 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Gillette Sports 23:30 Horse Racing 00:00 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

ESTAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Yan Can Cook 8:00 Entertainment Tonight 8:30 Gebrielle 9:30 Santa Berbara 10:30 Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Yan Can Cook 13:30 E TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turties 14:30 Black Station 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Leave it to Charles 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 Flying Doctors 18:30 The Extraordinary

19:30 Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Twilight Zone 21:30 Baywatch 22:30 Cricket 23:30 E! TV 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hooperman 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Game to Order: English soccer (rpt) 17:30 Showjumping 18:00 That Boding: Israeli Championships, 1996 18:30 European Cup Soccer 19:30 The Extreme Olympics 21:00 Snooker 22:00 Game to Order: American bas-ketball 23:00 Argentinian Soccer 00:30 **Futbol Americas**

EUROSPORT

9:30 Motorcycle Racing: Dutch Grand Prix (rpt) 11:00Tour de France (rpt) 12:00 Golf: Women's Open, Switzerland 13:00 Motor Sports 14:00 Motor Sports 15:00 Triatinlon: World Cup, Canada 16:00 Tour de France - five 18:30 Atlanta '96 Preview 19:00 Boxing 20:00 Truck Racing 21:00 Soccer: European Cup - highlights 23:00 Tour de France - round-up 00:00 Snooker 1:30 Darts

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 WWF 6:30 PGA Golf 7:00 6:00 WWY 6:30 FGA GOT 7:00 Wimbledon (pt) 13:00 Futbol Mondial 13:30 Dutch Grand Prix – round-up 16:00 Wimbledon, women's quarter-finals – live 22:00 Futbol Mondial 22:30 Motorcycle Racing: World Championships, Czech Republic 00:30 WWF Wrestlemania 1:30French

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Panorama 10:15 Panorama (fpt) 11:30 The Contenders (rpt) 12:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 15:15 Bell in Bosnia (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 Summer Holiday (rpt) 18:15 Panorama (rpt) 19:30 Time Out: Film '96 (rpt) 22:05 Panorama (rpt) 23:30 Auction - documentary on Sotheby's

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bach:
Cartista no 198; Haydr: String quartet
in C op 33/3; Mozart: Sinfonia
Concertante in E flat K364; Schubert:
Piano sonata D960; Poulenc: Figure
humaine; Stravinsky: Concerto for
piano and winds 12:00 Light Classical
– tangos 13:00 Amadeus Quartet ~
Haydn: Seven Last Words of Christ on
the Cross 14:06 Encore 15:00 From
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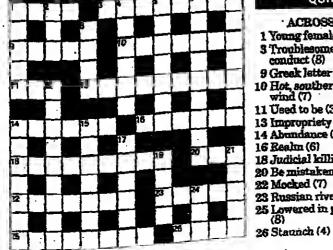
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Knesset spends day fighting road accidents

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THE Knesset devoted a day of meetings to fighting the war on the roads yesterday, during which the new Speaker. Dan Tichon, said he wanted to see results, not hear more talk. "We won't be saiisfied with just plenum debates, Tichon said. "I intend to establish a Knessel committee to meet weekly, prepare work plans, and coordinate the work of relevant hodies in order to keep the matter

on the agenda. Tichon initiated a meeting with several ministers on the subject, but his approach angered some members of the new government. He demanded that a program to combat road actidents be presented to the Knesset before its recess at the end of the month.

"I want to hear what is being done not what will be done," he said. Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne eman backed Tichon, saying: "What you can't do in two weeks,

you'll never be able to do." Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said ther needed more time. Kahalani said the major problem is one of education and that takes time to see the results.

Tichon said he was disappointed with Levy and Kahalani's attitude. "We've heard this all before," Tichon said.

Ne'eman proposed stricter law enforcement and expedited trials for traffic offenders. He also called for a team to be created to present the government within a week with a list of recommendations for action and a timetable for their enactment.

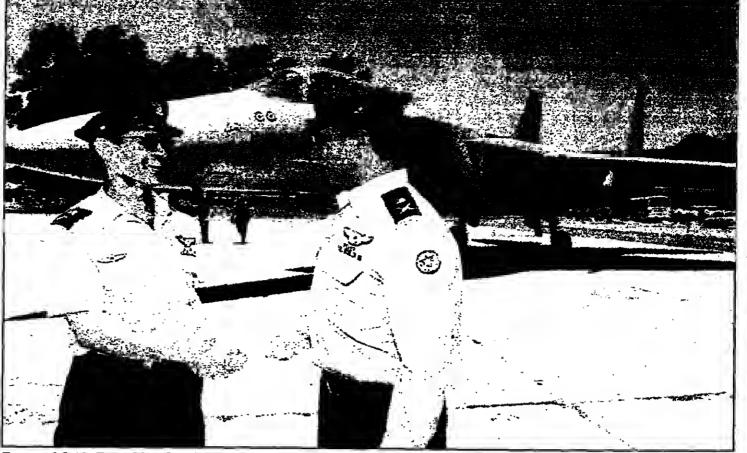
Kahalani called for a greater police presence on the roads, and Levy proposed an aggressive public information campaign on road

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi urged the Knesset to continue to promote the bill for road safety which he co-sponsored in the last Knesset and which has the support of 91 MKs. The bill calls for an umbrella authority to deal with all the bodies handling aspects of the war on road accidents and to prepare an emergency program.

He said government expenditure on road safety would be well-spent. "The national economy loses NIS3.6 billion a year as a direct result of accidents," he said.

As one point, Kahalani left the meeting, saying he was insulted by Tichon's manner which he described as "brutal."

In a later plenum debate, scores of MKs spoke on the subject. The suggestions raised ranged from having an electronic board in the plenum with the numbers of fatalities (MK Eli Goldschmidt, Labor) to appointing Ariel Sharon as the Minister for the War on Road Accidents (MK Yossi Katz,



Former OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger (left) congratulates his successor Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu after yesterday's

Ben-Eliahu takes command of air force

MAJ.-GEN. Eitan Ben-Eliahu took over command of the air force yesterday from Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger, who is retiring after 35 years in the air force, the last four and a half of them as its commander.

In a ceremony at Ramat David air base, Bodinger passed the air force flag to Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who in turn handed it to Ben-Eliahu, as four F-15s flew over in formation.

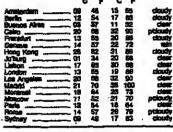
the air force "is the IDF's principle source of firepower." He also recalled his comrades-inarm who sacrificed their lives for their country, and said that he and every airman prays for the return of the bodies of the missing in action and for the safe return of Ron Arad "after 10 years of Iranian captivity."

In his farewell address, Bodinger said that

He then turned to Ben-Eliahu and said: "Take it," the phrase one pilot uses when he

turns over control of the plane to another. "I, Eitan Ben-Eliahu, grew up in Jerusalem in the bouse of my father Ezra," the new OC Air Force said, upon assuming command, "I graduated pilots' course No. 44, and took part in the War of Attrition and every succeeding operation. I accept with honor the trust you are placing in me, my officers and soldiers, and I will do everything in my power to meet the

AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, queen of hearts, nine of diamonds

Police crack down on reckless drivers

TRAFFIC police launched a crackdown yesterday on reckless driving. aimed at making the roads safer during the summer vacation period. The month-long campaign was planned in advance of June's increase in fatal

"Our presence will be beefed up in those areas where traffic is expected to be high, due to vacationers." said deputy commander Berti Ohiyan, head of the National Police Traffic Department.

In the north, traffic police will be concentrating their enforcement efforts around the Kinneret. There will be an increased police presence on highways throughout the country. On weekends, police are targeting areas that have a high concentration of pubs and nightclubs. Ohiyan said police were in particular beefing up their presence on the Arava Highway to Eilat. The highway has the reputation of being one of the most dangerous in the country.

SCORES of Jewish and Arab residents of the Western Galilee demonstrated yesterday in Jerusalem against plans to build an industrial zone on 1,000 dunams of land south of Kibbutz

Kabri. The protesters, who staged a colorful and peaceful demonstration opposite the Interior Ministry, charged that the proposed site is directly on top of natural springs and an underground reservoir which are the main source of drinking water for the

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Jews, Arabs protest planned Galilee factories

to be built over natural springs

sources at the site. CFE leaders met with Interior Minister Eli Suissa after the demonstration to press for the cancellation of the project and for the site to be reclassified as an area for tourism and not industry.

"We are not opposed to the concept of an industrial zone in the region generally but not on a site, wherever it might be, where water sources would be threatened,"

Yehuda Shavit, head of the Mateb Asher regional council

stressed that the alternative sites had also been rejected for different reasons.

"A survey by the Ministry of Trade and Industry found that this particular site is the most suitable and everything would done to comply with regulations," said

Liat Collins adds:

Former environment minister Yossi Sarid (Meretz) said the sit-ing of the industrial zone is a mistake which cannot be allowed. He said he spent four years in office thwarting plans to establish the iodustrial area close to water

"establishing an industrial zone in the Western Galilee will cause irreversible harm to water sources, because there are 27 springs within a four kilometer radius of the planned site. The decision to establish the industrial zone at that particular spot is scandalous and must be rescind-

Nudelman, an eovironmental economist, hopes to head the environmental caucus within the Knesset and is seeking to create a separate Knesset committee for the environment. He called on Suissa to cancel the go-ahead his predecessor Ramon gave for the

Ramon, despite having been rejected b previous ministers because of the threat to the water al for the new industrial zone, Ba'aliya) said yesterday that the elections. Upper Nazareth mayor hits back at opponents of industrial zone

UPPER Nazareth Menachem Ariav hit back yesterday at opponents of plans to expand the Tziporit industrial zone in the Lower Galilee.

They erected a stage and put on

a play symbolizing the effects of

industrial pollution on the envi-

ronment, particularly the water

Alon Porat, a resident of Klil village and a leading member of

the Citizens For the Environment

(CFE) in the Galilee which organized the demonstration, said more than 350 people had made

the trek to the capital to take part

The environmentalists maintain

approved at the last minute by for-

mer interior minister Haim

proposed project was

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in the protest.

Residents of Hoshaya and some neighboring Arab villages staged a ooisy demonstration yesterday evening outside the entrance to the zone, between the Beir Rimon

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and Hamovil junctions.

The residents maintain there is no need to expand the industrial area, and that any more factories there would increase pollution in the region. They have also expressed concern that additional

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pollution from the site, which currently bouses the giant Phoenicia glassworks plant and a smaller factory, could endanger the quality of water in the nearby reservoirs of the National Water Carrier.

Ariav, however, rejected the arguments, charging that the claims of the Hoshaya residents were "untrue and based on egoistic and personal interests" which did not take into account vital national and regional needs.

The region in which the 120 Hoshaya families live was earmarked from the outset for resi-

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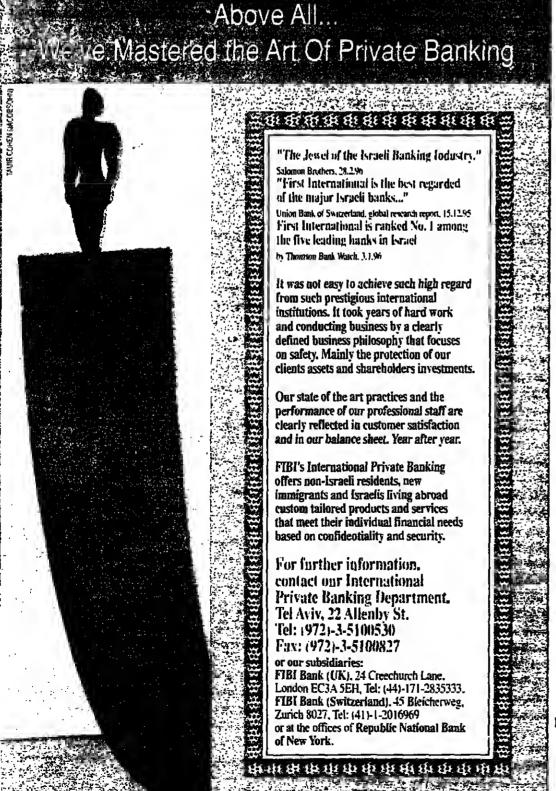
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dential and industrial use and they were aware of this before moving there," said Ariav.

"Despite the fact that we were not obliged to do so, we tried to reach an agreement with the residents of Hoshaya which would be satisfactory to all the sides.

"Some of the residents agreed to the accords that were reached, but extremists among them rejected the agreements and said they were not prepared to accept any com-promise, or any industry of any kind in their area."

Ariav noted that the population of Upper Nazareth had doubled in the past five years from 23,000 to



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